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This paper summarises the results of the local elections held in England on 4 May 2006.

Elections were held in 176 local authorities. All seats were contested on the 32 London borough councils. One-third of seats were contested in 36 metropolitan boroughs, 20 unitary authorities and 81 shire district councils. Half the council was elected in a further seven shire districts.

The Conservatives made net gains of 11 councils and 317 seats. Labour had net losses of 17 councils and 320 seats. The Liberal Democrats gained one council in net terms, and were almost unchanged in terms of seats.

The British National Party won 32 council seats, an increase of 27 on their pre-election position. The Greens won 30, an increase of 21. Respect won 16, an increase of 13.

Estimates suggest that the Conservatives won 39% of the national equivalent vote, Labour 26% and the Liberal Democrats 25%.

Turnout was approximately 37%.

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Summary of main points

Elections were held to 4,418 seats in 176 local authorities in England on 4 May 2006, comprising:

- All 1,875 seats on the 32 London borough councils
- 824 seats on 36 metropolitan borough councils that elect by thirds
- 361 seats on 20 unitary authorities that elect by thirds
- 2,432 seats on 81 shire district councils that elect by thirds and 126 seats on seven shire district councils that elect by halves

No local elections were scheduled in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

The **Conservatives** won or retained control of 68 councils, a net gain of 11, comprising 15 gains and four losses. They made five gains from Labour, including four London boroughs, and 10 from no overall control (NOC). They lost Richmond-upon-Thames to the Liberal Democrats and a further three councils to NOC. The Conservatives made net gains of 317 seats.

Labour won or retained control of 30 councils, a net loss of 17. They won Lambeth from NOC but lost five councils to the Conservatives and 13 to NOC. They lost 320 seats in net terms.

The **Liberal Democrats** won or retained control of 13 councils, a net gain of one. They won Richmond-upon-Thames from the Conservatives and South Lakeland and St Albans from NOC. They lost Islington and Milton Keynes to NOC. They gained one seat in net terms.

The **British National Party** won 32 council seats, an increase of 27 on their pre-election position. This included 11 seats in Barking and Dagenham, where they are now the second largest party.

The **Greens** won 30 seats, an increase of 21. They gained five seats in Lewisham and four in Norwich.

Respect won 16 seats, an increase of 13. 12 of their seats are in Tower Hamlets, an increase of 11.

The estimated national equivalent shares of the vote were Conservative 39%, Labour 26% and Liberal Democrat 25%.

Estimated turnout was 37%.

Four incumbent mayors were re-elected: Jules Pipe in Hackney, Steve Bullock in Lewisham, Robin Wales in Newham (all Labour) and Liberal Democrat Dorothy Thornhill in Watford.

15 electoral pilot schemes were trialled and will be assessed by the Electoral Commission.

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I Introduction

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This paper is intended as a brief and immediate summary of the results and is based on media reports and data supplied by local authorities.¹ The final compilation of results, including votes cast, shares of the vote and turnout will be published later in the year.²

Three seats, one in Eastbury ward, Barking and Dagenham, and two in Kingstanding ward, Birmingham, are unfilled pending legal procedures.

Comparisons of net gains and losses are based on council composition immediately prior to the elections. Control is attributed on a simple numerical basis: minority administrations and coalitions are not taken into account.

II The results

A. Council control

- The **Conservatives** won or retained control of 68 councils, a net gain of 11, comprising 15 gains and four losses. They made five gains from Labour, including four London boroughs, and 10 from no overall control (NOC). They lost Richmond-upon-Thames to the Liberal Democrats and a further three councils to NOC.
- **Labour** won or retained control of 30 councils, a net loss of 17. They won Lambeth from NOC but lost five councils to the Conservatives and 13 to NOC.
- The **Liberal Democrats** won or retained control of 13 councils, a net gain of one. They won Richmond-upon-Thames from the Conservatives and South Lakeland and St Albans from NOC. They lost Islington and Milton Keynes to NOC.
- No other parties won control of councils.
- 65 councils contested were in NOC following the elections, a net increase of five.

The tables overleaf summarise changes in council control.

¹ Special thanks to David Cowling at the Political Research Unit of the BBC

² Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, *Local Elections Handbook 2006*, Local Government Elections Centre, University of Plymouth

Changes in council control

Conservative (net +11)	Labour (net -17)	Liberal Democrat (net +1)
Gains (15)	Gains (1)	Gains (3)
From Labour (5)	From No Overall Control (1)	From Conservative
Bexley	Lambeth	Richmond-upon-Thames
Crawley		
Croydon	Losses (18)	From No Overall Control
Ealing	To Conservative (5)	South Lakeland
Hammersmith and Fulham	Bexley	St Albans
From No Overall Control (10)	Crawley	Losses (2)
Bassetlaw	Croydon	To No Overall Control (2)
Chorley	Ealing	Islington
Coventry	Hammersmith and Fulham	Milton Keynes
Harrow	To No Overall Control (13)	
Hastings	Barrow-in-Furness	
Havering	Brent	
Hillingdon	Bury	
Mole Valley	Camden	
Shrewsbury and Atcham	Derby	
Winchester	Hounslow	
Losses (4)	Lewisham	
To Liberal Democrat (1)	Merton	
Richmond-upon-Thames	Newcastle-under-Lyme	
To No Overall Control (3)	Plymouth	
Gosport	Redditch	
Harrogate	Stoke-on-Trent	
West Lindsey	Warrington	

Summary: pre- and post-election council control

Councils contested on 4 May 2006 only














Post-elections	Pre-elections				Total post-elections	Change
	CON	LAB	LD	NOC		
CON	53	5	-	10	68	+11
LAB	-	29	-	1	30	-17
LD	1	-	10	2	13	+1
NOC	3	13	2	47	65	+5
Total pre-elections	57	47	12	60	176	-

Council control details by council are in Appendix 1 (metropolitan boroughs, unitary authorities and shire districts) and Appendix 2 (London boroughs). Trends in London borough council control since 1964 are in Appendix 3.

B. Seats won and net gains and losses

The table below summarises seats won and net gains and losses by party:

Seats won and net gains

	Seats won	Net change (a)
 Conservative	1,830	+317
 Labour	1,442	-320
 Liberal Democrat	907	+1
 Residents/Ratepayer Association	35	-13
 British National Party	32	+27
 Green	30	+21
 Respect	16	+13
 Liberal	8	-2
 Independent Kidderminster Hospital and Health Concern	5	+1
 Christian People's Alliance	3	+2
 Socialist Alternative	3	-
 United Kingdom Independence Party	1	-
 Others	106	-50
Total	4,312	+47

Note (a): Three seats are unfilled pending legal procedures

- The **Conservatives** won 1,830 seats, 41% of the total contested and a net gain of 317. Their gains were concentrated in shire districts, where they won over half the seats contested. By contrast, in metropolitan boroughs they won 23% of the seats contested, an increase of seven seats. The Conservatives do not have any councillors on several metropolitan borough councils, including Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or on Cambridge and Oxford district councils.
- **Labour** won 1,442 seats, 33% of the total contested and a net fall of 320. This fall included a net loss of over 200 seats on councils controlled by Labour pre-elections. They won almost half the seats contested in metropolitan boroughs but 18% in shire districts.
- The **Liberal Democrats** won 907 seats, 21% of the total contested and a net gain of one. They gained 45 seats net in councils controlled by Labour prior to the elections but lost 29 net in councils they controlled before the elections.
- The **British National Party** won 32 council seats, an increase of 27 on their pre-election position. They won seats on 11 local authorities, including Barking and Dagenham, where they are now the second largest party with 11 seats.
- The **Greens** won 30 seats, an increase of 21. They gained five seats in Lewisham and four in Norwich.
- **Respect** won 16 seats, an increase of 13. 12 of their seats are in Tower Hamlets, an increase of 11.

Details of seats won and net gains and losses by council are in Appendix 1 (metropolitan boroughs, unitary authorities and shire districts) and Appendix 2 (London boroughs). Appendix 4 includes analysis by type of authority, region, proportion of council seats contested and pre-election council control.

C. National equivalent share of the vote

Professors Rallings and Thrasher at the University of Plymouth estimate that the Conservatives won 39% of the national (Great Britain) equivalent vote, Labour 26% and the Liberal Democrats 25%. This is an estimated share of the vote in all authorities had elections been held Great Britain-wide. It is not necessarily equivalent to the share of the vote in seats contested.³

The table and chart below show trends in the national equivalent share of the vote. Where general elections were held simultaneously, the general election result is shown.

Estimated national equivalent vote at local elections since 1979
Great Britain

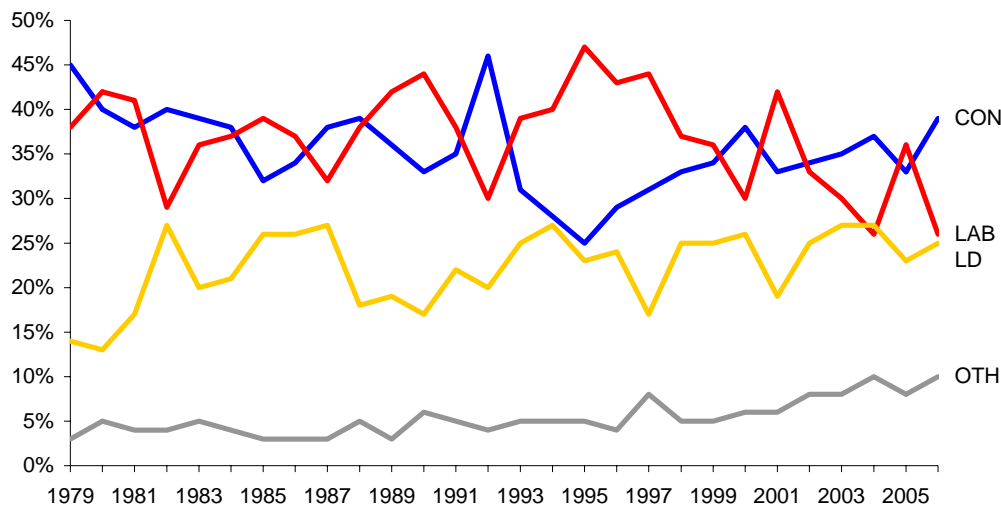
	CON	LAB	LD	OTH
1979	45%	38%	14%	3%
1980	40%	42%	13%	5%
1981	38%	41%	17%	4%
1982	40%	29%	27%	4%
1983	39%	36%	20%	5%
1984	38%	37%	21%	4%
1985	32%	39%	26%	3%
1986	34%	37%	26%	3%
1987	38%	32%	27%	3%
1988	39%	38%	18%	5%
1989	36%	42%	19%	3%
1990	33%	44%	17%	6%
1991	35%	38%	22%	5%
1992	46%	30%	20%	4%
1993	31%	39%	25%	5%
1994	28%	40%	27%	5%
1995	25%	47%	23%	5%
1996	29%	43%	24%	4%
1997	31%	44%	17%	8%
1998	33%	37%	25%	5%
1999	34%	36%	25%	5%
2000	38%	30%	26%	6%
2001	33%	42%	19%	6%
2002	34%	33%	25%	8%
2003	35%	30%	27%	8%
2004	37%	26%	27%	10%
2005	33%	36%	23%	8%
2006	39%	26%	25%	10%

Sources: Butler and Butler, *British Political Facts since 1979*
Local Government Elections Centre, University of Plymouth, personal communication

Note: Local elections in 1979, 1997, 2001 and 2005 were held on same day as a general election, and general election results are shown. These figures are emboldened

³ The BBC estimated national equivalent shares of the vote of Conservative 40%, Liberal Democrat 27%, Labour 26% and others 7%. However, these estimates are based on 700 wards, rather than the over 1,900 used by Rallings and Thrasher.

**Estimated national equivalent share of the vote at local elections
since 1979
Great Britain**



D. Post-election council composition and control

The table below summarises post-election council composition and control across Great Britain following the elections, including those authorities where elections were not held.

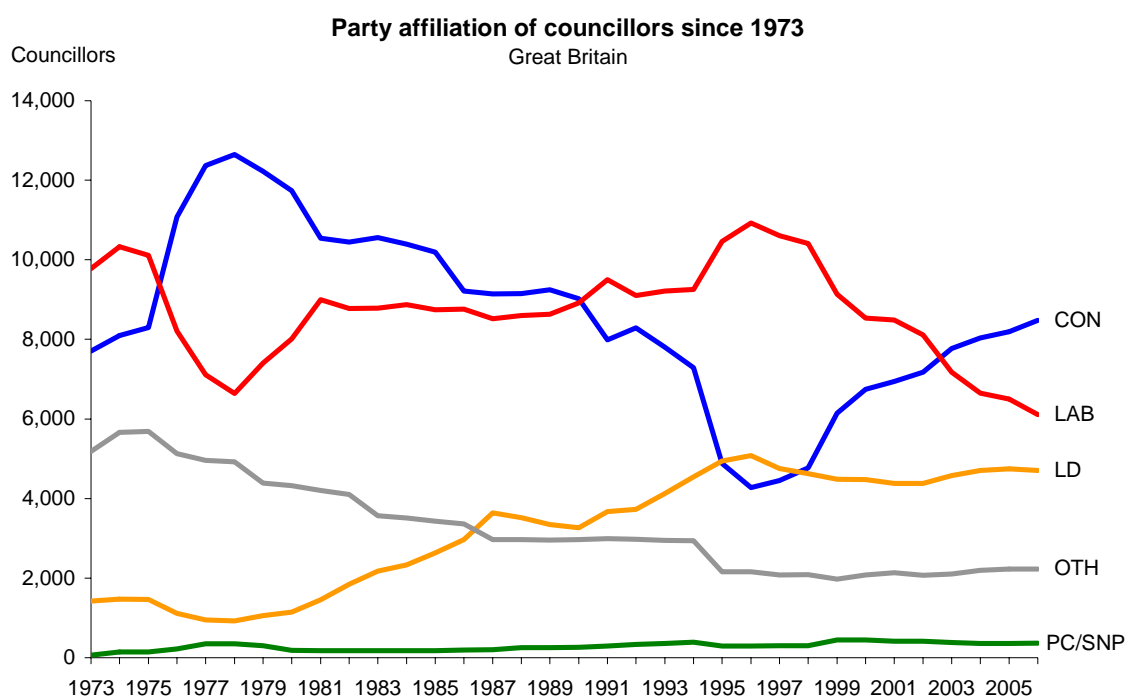
Estimated post-election council composition and control: Great Britain

	Number				% total					
	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH		
Councillors										
London borough	785	684	317	74	42%	37%	17%	4%		
Metropolitan borough	551	1,111	550	135	23%	47%	23%	6%		
Unitary authorities	802	768	652	173	33%	32%	27%	7%		
County council	1,144	573	477	75	50%	25%	21%	3%		
Shire district	4,963	1,995	2,389	1,221	47%	19%	23%	12%		
England	8,245	5,131	4,385	1,678	42%	26%	23%	9%		
Welsh unitary authority	111	479	146	526	9%	38%	12%	42%		
Scottish unitary authority	126	495	177	393	11%	42%	15%	33%		
Great Britain	8,482	6,105	4,708	2,597	39%	28%	22%	12%		
	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	NOC	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	NOC
Councils controlled										
London borough	14	7	3	0	8	44%	22%	9%	0%	25%
Metropolitan borough	5	14	3	0	14	14%	39%	8%	0%	39%
Unitary authorities	12	9	4	0	21	26%	20%	9%	0%	46%
County council	23	6	3	0	2	68%	18%	9%	0%	6%
Shire district	114	18	20	7	79	48%	8%	8%	3%	33%
England	168	54	33	7	124	44%	14%	9%	2%	32%
Welsh unitary authority	1	8		4	9	5%	36%	0%	18%	41%
Scottish unitary authority		11	1	6	14	0%	34%	3%	19%	44%
Great Britain	169	73	34	17	147	38%	17%	8%	4%	33%

Source: Local Government Information online, <http://www.gwydir.demon.co.uk/uklocalgov/makeup.htm>

- The **Conservatives** have almost 8,500 councillors, 39% of the Great Britain total and their highest total since 1990. Numbers of Conservative councillors have risen every year since 1997. The Conservatives control 169 councils, 38% of the total, including 68% of county councils.
- **Labour** have 6,100 councillors, 28% of the Great Britain total and their lowest number since the local government reorganisation of 1973. However, as a percentage of the total, their position in 1978, 26%, was worse. Labour control 73 councils, 17% of the Great Britain total.
- The **Liberal Democrats** have 4,700 councillors, 22% of the total. They control 34 councils, 8% of the Great Britain total.

The chart below shows trends in councillor numbers by party since the local government reorganisation of 1973.



Full trend data are in Appendix 5.

III Mayoral elections

Mayoral elections were held in four authorities simultaneously with the local council elections.

All four incumbents were re-elected: Jules Pipe in Hackney, Steve Bullock in Lewisham, Robin Wales in Newham (all Labour) and Liberal Democrat Dorothy Thornhill in Watford.

Full results are shown in Appendix 6.

IV Electoral pilot schemes

15 electoral pilot schemes were trialled in the following local authorities:

- Brent
- Brentwood
- Broxbourne
- Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, South Tyneside and Sunderland (Tyne and Wear)
- Harrow
- Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens and Sefton (Merseyside)
- Lewisham
- Newham
- Peterborough
- Rushmoor
- Shrewsbury & Atcham
- Stevenage
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Swindon
- Westminster

Schemes included the following innovations:

- The electronic counting of votes
- The electronic checking of signatures on postal vote statements
- Early voting in advance of polling day at designated polling stations
- Early voting aimed at military personnel and their families
- Early mobile voting aimed at care home residents
- A requirement for electors to sign before receiving a ballot paper in polling stations
- A website allowing electors to confirm that their postal vote had been received by the Returning Officer
- A terminal providing voting assistance to disabled electors and electors with English as a second language
- Miscellaneous changes to ballot papers and ballot stationery

The Electoral Commission are required to evaluate the success of the pilot schemes and publish reports on each by 4 August 2006.

Full details are available from The Electoral Commission at:

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

V Elections in 2007

The following elections are scheduled for 3 May 2007:

- Scottish Parliament
- National Assembly for Wales
- One-third of the council in all 36 metropolitan boroughs
- The whole of the council in 25 English unitary authorities and one-third of the council in a further 20
- The whole of the council in 150 shire districts and one-third of the council in a further 82
- The whole of the council in all 32 Scottish local councils
- Mayoral elections in Bedford, Mansfield and Middlesbrough

Boundary changes are expected in several areas

Appendix 1: Metropolitan borough, unitary authority and shire district council election results 2006

			Seats won					Net seats gained and lost				New council composition					
			CON	LAB	LD	OTH	Total	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	Total	
Metropolitan boroughs																	
Barnsley	Third		LAB hold	3	13	-	5	21	+1	+1	-1	-1	6	34	2	21	63
Birmingham	(a) Third		Remains NOC	16	12	10	1	39	+1	-5	+1	+1	41	41	33	3	118
Bolton	Third		Remains NOC	7	10	3	-	20	+2	+2	-4	-	21	22	17	-	60
Bradford	Third		Remains NOC	11	15	4	2	32	-4	+6	-1	-1	33	36	14	7	90
Bury	Third		LAB lose to NOC	9	5	3	-	17	+3	-4	+1	-	22	23	6	-	51
Calderdale	Third		Remains NOC	6	4	5	3	18	-1	+1	+1	-1	20	10	16	5	51
Coventry	Third		CON gain from NOC	10	7	-	1	18	+2	-1	-1	-	29	19	2	4	54
Doncaster	Third		Remains NOC	3	10	2	6	21	-	+2	-2	-	9	29	11	14	63
Dudley	Third		CON hold	13	10	1	-	24	-	+1	-1	-	40	26	5	1	72
Gateshead	Third		LAB hold	-	14	8	-	22	-	-1	+1	-	-	42	23	1	66
Kirklees	Third		Remains NOC	8	7	4	4	23	-1	+2	-4	+3	21	20	20	8	69
Knowsley	Third		LAB hold	-	17	5	-	22	-	-1	+1	-	-	51	12	-	63
Leeds	Third		Remains NOC	8	14	9	3	34	-	-	-	-	24	40	26	9	99
Liverpool	Third		LD hold	-	12	16	2	30	-	+3	-4	+1	-	30	56	4	90
Manchester	Third		LAB hold	-	23	9	-	32	-	+4	-4	-	-	61	34	1	96
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Third		LD hold	-	10	16	-	26	-	-1	+1	-	-	30	48	-	78
North Tyneside	Third		Remains NOC	10	7	3	-	20	-	-	+1	-1	28	23	8	1	60
Oldham	Third		LAB hold	1	9	9	1	20	-1	-2	+2	+1	1	31	27	1	60
Rochdale	Third		Remains NOC	2	6	12	-	20	+1	-4	+3	-	10	20	30	-	60
Rotherham	Third		LAB hold	2	19	-	-	21	-1	+2	-	-1	6	55	-	2	63
Salford	Third		LAB hold	3	16	3	-	22	-	-1	+2	-1	8	44	8	-	60
Sandwell	Third		LAB hold	2	17	2	3	24	-1	-2	-	+3	11	50	5	6	72
Sefton	Third		Remains NOC	6	7	10	-	23	-	-	-	-	19	21	26	-	66
Sheffield	Third		LAB hold	-	14	14	1	29	-	-	-1	+1	2	44	35	3	84
Solihull	Third		CON hold	10	1	5	1	17	-1	-1	+1	+1	26	7	15	3	51
South Tyneside	Third		LAB hold	1	11	1	5	18	-	-2	-	+2	3	34	4	13	54
St Helens	Third		Remains NOC	2	7	7	-	16	-	-1	+1	-	6	23	19	-	48
Stockport	Third		LD hold	4	5	11	1	21	-	+1	-	-1	10	15	35	3	63
Sunderland	Third		LAB hold	5	19	1	-	25	+1	-1	-	-	13	59	2	1	75
Tameside	Third		LAB hold	3	15	-	2	20	+1	-2	-1	+2	8	44	2	3	57
Trafford	Third		CON hold	13	6	2	-	21	-1	-	+1	-	39	20	4	-	63
Wakefield	Third		LAB hold	6	13	1	1	21	+4	-3	-	-1	14	41	3	5	63
Walsall	Third		CON hold	10	7	2	1	20	-2	+2	-	-	34	19	6	1	60
Wigan	Third		LAB hold	4	14	3	4	25	+2	+1	-	-3	9	43	8	15	75

			Seats won				Total	Net seats gained and lost				Total	New council composition				Total
			CON	LAB	LD	OTH		CON	LAB	LD	OTH		CON	LAB	LD	OTH	
Wirral	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	7	8	7	-	22	-	-	+1	-1	21	26	19	-	66
Wolverhampton	Third	■ ■	LAB hold	7	12	-	1	20	+2	-1	-	-1	17	40	2	1	60
Metropolitan boroughs total				192	396	188	48	824	+7	-5	-6	+2	551	1,173	583	136	2,443
Unitary authorities																	
Blackburn with Darwen	Third	■ ■	LAB hold	4	11	5	1	21	-2	-1	+2	+1	15	33	13	3	64
Bristol	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	8	5	9	1	23	+2	-4	+1	+1	13	23	33	1	70
Derby	Third	■ ■	LAB lose to NOC	3	7	7	-	17	-1	-2	+4	-1	11	24	15	1	51
Halton	Third	■ ■	LAB hold	3	12	3	-	18	+1	-	-1	-	8	35	13	-	56
Hartlepool	Third	■ ■	LAB hold	2	10	1	3	16	-	+2	-2	-	4	27	7	9	47
Kingston-upon-Hull	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	1	7	10	2	20	-	-2	+4	-2	2	25	26	6	59
Milton Keynes	Third	■ ■	LD lose to NOC	7	4	6	-	17	+6	-1	-4	-1	13	15	23	-	51
North East Lincolnshire	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	7	1	7	1	16	-1	-1	+2	-	15	6	17	4	42
Peterborough	Third	■ ■	CON hold	14	-	3	4	21	+3	-3	-	-	35	4	5	12	56
Plymouth	Third	■ ■	LAB lose to NOC	12	6	1	-	19	+6	-5	-	-1	25	28	3	-	56
Portsmouth	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	7	2	5	-	14	+3	-2	-	-1	16	5	21	-	42
Reading	Third	■ ■	LAB hold	6	9	2	-	17	+2	-3	+1	-	8	32	6	-	46
Slough	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	1	8	1	3	13	-2	+3	-1	-	5	18	5	13	41
Southampton	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	4	6	7	-	17	-	+1	-1	-	16	16	16	-	48
Southend-on-Sea	Third	■ ■	CON hold	11	4	3	1	19	-1	-	+1	-	30	9	8	4	51
Stoke-on-Trent	Third	■ ■	LAB lose to NOC	2	6	3	9	20	+1	-2	-	+1	6	30	5	19	60
Swindon	Third	■ ■	CON hold	13	5	1	-	19	+5	-3	-2	-	40	14	3	2	59
Thurrock	Third	■ ■	CON hold	7	9	-	-	16	-1	+1	-	-	26	21	-	2	49
Warrington	Third	■ ■	LAB lose to NOC	1	8	11	-	20	-	-4	+4	-	6	26	25	-	57
Wokingham	Third	■ ■	CON hold	15	-	3	-	18	+3	-	-3	-	41	-	13	-	54
Unitary authorities total				128	120	88	25	361	+24	-26	+5	-3	335	391	257	76	1,059
Shire districts																	
Adur	Half	■ ■	CON hold	12	-	1	1	14	+1	-2	+1	-	26	-	1	2	29
Amber Valley	Third	■ ■	CON hold	7	8	-	-	15	+3	-3	-	-	27	18	-	-	45
Barrow-in-Furness	Third	■ ■	LAB lose to NOC	10	3	-	2	15	+5	-6	-	+1	17	18	-	3	38
Basildon	Third	■ ■	CON hold	11	2	1	-	14	+3	-3	-	-	27	12	3	-	42
Basingstoke and Deane	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	10	3	8	1	22	+2	-	-2	-	30	12	15	3	60
Bassetlaw	Third	■ ■	CON gain from NOC	9	7	-	-	16	+4	-3	-	-1	28	14	1	5	48
Bedford	Third	■ ■	Remains NOC	7	3	5	3	18	+1	-2	+2	-1	17	12	15	10	54
Brentwood	Third	■ ■	CON hold	11	1	1	-	13	+6	-	-6	-	27	3	7	-	37

			Seats won				Total	Net seats gained and lost				New council composition				Total
			CON	LAB	LD	OTH		CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	
Broxbourne	Third	CON hold	12	1	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	1	38
Burnley	Third	Remains NOC	2	5	8	2	17	+1	-5	+5	-1	5	16	16	8	45
Cambridge	Third	LD hold	-	4	11	-	15	-1	-	+1	-	-	13	29	-	42
Cannock Chase	Third	Remains NOC	3	6	4	-	13	-	-1	+1	-	10	16	15	-	41
Carlisle	Third	Remains NOC	7	9	3	-	19	-1	-	+1	-	19	24	8	1	52
Castle Point	Third	CON hold	9	-	-	5	14	-5	-	-	+5	29	1	-	11	41
Cheltenham	Half	Remains NOC	8	-	10	2	20	+2	-1	-1	-	17	1	17	5	40
Cherwell	Third	CON hold	15	1	2	-	18	+1	-2	+1	-	38	8	4	-	50
Chester	Third	Remains NOC	13	5	2	-	20	+6	-3	-3	-	26	14	19	1	60
Chorley	Third	CON gain from NOC	11	4	1	1	17	+5	-4	-1	-	25	17	2	3	47
Colchester	Third	Remains NOC	10	1	8	1	20	+2	-	-1	-1	30	7	21	2	60
Congleton	Third	CON hold	11	-	3	2	16	-	-	-1	+1	26	-	14	8	48
Craven	Third	Remains NOC	3	-	2	4	9	-	-	-	-	13	-	6	11	30
Crawley	Third	CON gain from LAB	8	3	1	-	12	+3	-3	-	-	19	16	2	-	37
Crewe and Nantwich	Third	Remains NOC	11	6	2	1	20	+4	-3	-	-1	25	19	6	6	56
Daventry	Third	CON hold	12	-	1	-	13	+1	-1	+1	-1	34	2	2	-	38
Eastbourne	Third	CON hold	5	-	4	-	9	+1	-	-1	-	15	-	12	-	27
Eastleigh	Third	LD hold	2	1	13	-	16	-2	-	+2	-	7	3	34	-	44
Ellesmere Port and Neston	Third	LAB hold	7	7	1	-	15	+2	-1	-	-1	15	26	2	-	43
Elmbridge	Third	Remains NOC	11	-	2	7	20	+5	-	-	-5	26	-	8	26	60
Epping Forest	Third	Remains NOC	9	-	5	6	20	+3	-3	-1	+1	29	1	13	15	58
Exeter	Third	Remains NOC	4	5	3	1	13	+3	-2	-1	-	8	16	12	4	40
Fareham	Half	CON hold	10	-	6	-	16	-	-	-	-	22	-	9	-	31
Gloucester	Third	Remains NOC	7	4	4	-	15	-	-	-	-	16	8	12	-	36
Gosport	Half	CON lose to NOC	6	3	8	-	17	-1	-3	+4	-	17	8	9	-	34
Great Yarmouth	Third	CON hold	7	6	-	-	13	-3	+3	-	-	22	16	-	1	39
Harlow	Third	Remains NOC	4	3	5	-	12	-1	-	+1	-	12	11	10	-	33
Harrogate	Third	CON lose to NOC	6	-	10	3	19	-2	-	+1	+1	27	-	22	5	54
Hart	Third	Remains NOC	6	-	2	5	13	-1	-	-	+1	16	-	12	7	35
Hastings	Half	CON gain from NOC	9	6	2	-	17	+4	-4	-	-	17	10	5	-	32
Havant	Third	CON hold	11	2	1	-	14	+2	-2	-	-	30	4	4	-	38
Hertsmere	Third	CON hold	11	1	2	-	14	+2	-2	-	-	28	5	6	-	39
Huntingdonshire	Third	CON hold	13	-	3	1	17	-1	-	+1	-	39	-	11	2	52
Hyndburn	Third	CON hold	4	6	-	1	11	+1	-2	-	+1	19	15	-	1	35
Ipswich	Third	Remains NOC	7	6	3	-	16	+3	-5	+2	-	19	18	9	2	48
Lincoln	Third	LAB hold	6	4	1	-	11	+4	-5	+1	-	11	20	2	-	33
Macclesfield	Third	CON hold	13	2	3	3	21	-	-	-	-	35	6	14	5	60

			Seats won					Net seats gained and lost				New council composition				
			CON	LAB	LD	OTH	Total	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	Total
Maidstone	Third	Remains NOC	9	2	6	1	18	+3	-2	-1	-	27	6	19	3	55
Mole Valley	Third	CON gain from NOC	10	-	3	1	14	+4	-	-2	-2	23	-	15	3	41
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Third	LAB lose to NOC	6	8	6	-	20	+3	-5	+2	-	17	27	14	2	60
North Hertfordshire	Third	CON hold	14	2	2	-	18	+5	-5	-	-	33	9	7	-	49
Norwich	Third	Remains NOC	1	6	3	5	15	+1	+1	-6	+4	2	16	12	9	39
Nuneaton and Bedworth	Half	LAB hold	8	9	-	-	17	+4	-4	-	-	15	18	1	-	34
Oxford	Half	Remains NOC	-	10	9	6	25	-	-4	+2	+2	-	17	19	12	48
Pendle	Third	LD hold	4	4	9	1	18	+1	-2	-	+1	13	5	30	1	49
Penwith	Third	Remains NOC	6	-	5	-	11	+1	-	-1	-	14	1	12	8	35
Preston	Third	Remains NOC	5	10	4	-	19	+1	+1	-1	-1	17	24	12	4	57
Purbeck	Third	CON hold	6	-	2	1	9	+1	-	-	-1	14	-	8	1	23
Redditch	Third	LAB lose to NOC	4	5	-	1	10	+1	-2	-	+1	11	14	3	1	29
Reigate and Banstead	Third	CON hold	15	-	1	2	18	+3	-1	-1	-1	39	2	4	6	51
Rochford	Third	CON hold	10	-	2	1	13	+2	-1	-	-1	34	-	4	1	39
Rossendale	Third	CON hold	7	5	-	1	13	+2	-1	-1	-	25	9	1	1	36
Rugby	Third	Remains NOC	9	4	3	-	16	+3	-1	-	-2	24	13	10	1	48
Runnymede	Third	CON hold	14	-	-	2	16	+3	-3	-	-	36	-	-	6	42
Rushmoor	Third	CON hold	9	2	3	-	14	+3	-	-2	-1	25	5	10	2	42
Shrewsbury and Atcham	Third	CON gain from NOC	8	3	3	-	14	+2	-	-	-2	22	10	6	2	40
South Bedfordshire	Third	CON hold	13	2	3	-	18	+1	-	-1	-	35	4	11	-	50
South Cambridgeshire	Third	Remains NOC	11	-	7	2	20	+3	-1	-1	-1	25	1	19	12	57
South Lakeland	Third	LD gain from NOC	1	-	17	-	18	-2	-6	+9	-1	18	2	31	1	52
St Albans	Third	LD gain from NOC	8	2	10	-	20	+1	-3	+2	-	18	8	31	1	58
Stevenage	Third	LAB hold	1	11	1	-	13	-	-	-	-	3	32	4	-	39
Stratford-on-Avon	Third	CON hold	11	-	7	1	19	-	-	-	-	30	-	20	3	53
Stroud	Third	CON hold	13	2	1	2	18	+2	-2	-1	+1	29	9	5	8	51
Swale	Third	CON hold	11	4	1	-	16	+3	-1	-2	-	28	10	8	1	47
Tamworth	Third	CON hold	8	2	-	-	10	+5	-5	-	-	21	8	-	1	30
Tandridge	Third	CON hold	12	-	2	-	14	+2	-	-1	-1	29	2	10	1	42
Three Rivers	Third	LD hold	4	1	11	-	16	-1	-	+1	-	11	7	30	-	48
Tunbridge Wells	Third	CON hold	14	-	2	-	16	+2	-	-2	-	38	1	9	-	48
Watford	Third	LD hold	1	1	9	1	12	-	-2	+1	+1	3	1	28	3	35
Waveney	Third	CON hold	11	3	1	1	16	+4	-1	-	-3	29	12	3	4	48
Welwyn Hatfield	Third	CON hold	13	3	1	-	17	+1	-2	+1	-	32	12	3	1	48
West Lancashire	Third	CON hold	13	5	-	-	18	+3	-3	-	-	32	22	-	-	54
West Lindsey	Third	CON lose to NOC	6	-	6	-	12	-2	-	+2	-	17	-	18	2	37
West Oxfordshire	Third	CON hold	16	-	-	1	16	+6	-	-4	-2	34	1	9	5	49

			Seats won					Net seats gained and lost				New council composition				
			CON	LAB	LD	OTH	Total	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	Total
Weymouth and Portland	Third	■ ■ Remains NOC	5	2	3	2	12	+3	-2	-1	-	11	7	13	5	36
Winchester	Third	■ ■ CON gain from NOC	13	1	4	1	19	+7	-1	-5	-1	29	3	21	4	57
Woking	Third	■ ■ Remains NOC	5	-	8	-	13	-1	-1	+3	-1	15	3	18	-	36
Worcester	Third	■ ■ CON hold	6	5	1	-	12	-	+1	-	-1	18	11	3	3	35
Worthing	Third	■ ■ CON hold	7	-	7	-	14	-3	-	+3	-	23	-	14	-	37
Wyre Forest	Third	■ ■ Remains NOC	7	-	-	7	14	-	-	-	-	18	4	2	18	42
Shire districts total			725	242	314	92	1,373	+139	-126	-	-13	1,917	748	906	284	3,855

Appendix 2: London borough council election results 2006

		Seats won and new council composition							Total	Net seats gained and lost							
		CON	LAB	LD	GRN	BNP	RES	OTH		CON	LAB	LD	GRN	BNP	RES	OTH	
Barking and Dagenham	(a)	LAB hold	1	38	-	-	11	-	-	50	-2	-5	-3	-	+11	-	-2
Barnet		CON hold	37	20	6	-	-	-	-	63	+5	-4	-1	-	-	-	-
Bexley		CON gain from LAB	54	9	-	-	-	-	-	63	+23	-23	-	-	-	-	-
Brent		LAB lose to NOC	15	21	27	-	-	-	-	63	-3	-13	+16	-	-	-	-
Bromley		CON hold	49	4	7	-	-	-	-	60	+9	-2	-6	-	-	-	-1
Camden		LAB lose to NOC	14	18	20	2	-	-	-	54	+3	-18	+13	+2	-	-	-
Croydon		CON gain from LAB	43	27	-	-	-	-	-	70	+12	-10	-2	-	-	-	-
Ealing		CON gain from LAB	37	29	3	-	-	-	-	69	+20	-19	-1	-	-	-	-
Enfield		CON hold	34	27	-	-	-	-	2	63	-5	+3	-	-	-	-	+2
Greenwich		LAB hold	13	36	2	-	-	-	-	51	+4	-2	-2	-	-	-	-
Hackney		LAB hold	9	44	3	1	-	-	-	57	-1	-	-	+1	-	-	-
Hammersmith and Fulham		CON gain from LAB	33	13	-	-	-	-	-	46	+18	-16	-	-	-	-	-2
Haringey		LAB hold	-	30	27	-	-	-	-	57	-	-11	+11	-	-	-	-
Harrow		CON gain from NOC	38	24	1	-	-	-	-	63	+10	-6	-2	-	-	-	-2
Havering		CON gain from NOC	34	2	1	-	1	-	16	54	+14	-9	+1	-	+1	-	-7
Hillingdon		CON gain from NOC	45	18	2	-	-	-	-	65	+15	-9	-6	-	-	-	-
Hounslow		LAB lose to NOC	23	24	5	-	-	-	8	60	+9	-10	+1	-	-	-	-
Islington		LD lose to NOC	-	23	24	1	-	-	-	48	-1	+12	-12	+1	-	-	-
Kensington and Chelsea		CON hold	45	9	-	-	-	-	-	54	+4	-3	-1	-	-	-	-
Kingston-upon-Thames		LD hold	21	2	25	-	-	-	-	48	+6	-1	-5	-	-	-	-
Lambeth		LAB gain from NOC	6	39	17	1	-	-	-	63	-1	+10	-10	+1	-	-	-
Lewisham		LAB lose to NOC	3	26	17	6	-	-	2	54	+1	-15	+10	+5	-	-	-1
Merton		LAB lose to NOC	30	27	-	-	-	-	3	60	+6	-4	-	-	-	-	-2
Newham		LAB hold	-	54	-	-	-	3	3	60	-1	-2	-	-	-	+1	+2
Redbridge		CON hold	34	19	9	-	1	-	-	63	-	-	-1	-	+1	-	-
Richmond-upon-Thames		LD gain from CON	18	-	36	-	-	-	-	54	-16	-	+17	-	-	-	-1
Southwark		Remains NOC	6	28	28	1	-	-	-	63	-	+2	-	+1	-	-	-3
Sutton		LD hold	22	-	32	-	-	-	-	54	+14	-3	-10	-	-	-	-1
Tower Hamlets		LAB hold	7	26	6	-	-	12	-	51	+6	-3	-9	-	-	+11	-5
Waltham Forest		Remains NOC	15	26	19	-	-	-	-	60	-3	-1	+4	-	-	-	-
Wandsworth		CON hold	51	9	-	-	-	-	-	60	+1	-1	-	-	-	-	-
Westminster		CON hold	48	12	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London boroughs total			785	684	317	12	13	15	34	1,860	+147	-163	+2	+11	+13	+12	-23

Note (a): One seat remains unfilled in Barking and Dagenham (Eastbury ward) pending legal procedures

Appendix 3

London boroughs: post-election control 1964 to 2006

	1964	1968	1971	1974	1978	1982	1986	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006
Barking and Dagenham	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Barnet	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	CON	CON
Bexley	LAB	CON	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	CON	LAB	CON
Brent	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB	NOC
Bromley	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	CON	CON
Camden	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC
Croydon	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	CON
Ealing	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	CON
Enfield	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON
Greenwich	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Hackney	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB
Hammersmith and Fulham	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	CON
Haringey	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Harrow	CON	CON	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	LAB	NOC	CON
Havering	NOC	CON	LAB	NOC	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	NOC	NOC	NOC	CON
Hillingdon	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	NOC	CON	LAB	NOC	NOC	CON
Hounslow	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC
Islington	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LD	NOC
Kensington and Chelsea	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON
Kingston-upon-Thames	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	LD	NOC	LD	LD
Lambeth	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	NOC	LAB
Lewisham	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC
Merton	NOC	CON	LAB	CON	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC
Newham	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Redbridge	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	CON	CON
Richmond-upon-Thames	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	LD	LD	LD	LD	CON	LD
Southwark	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	NOC
Sutton	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD
Tower Hamlets	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LD	LD	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Waltham Forest	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	NOC	NOC
Wandsworth	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON
Westminster	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON

Source: Rallings and Thrasher, *Local Elections in Britain: A Statistical Digest*, April 2003

Appendix 4

Seats won and net gains and losses: analysis by type of authority, region, proportion up and pre-election council control: 2006 local elections

	Seats won				Total	% seats won				Net seat gains and losses				Net gains and losses as % of seats contested			
	CON	LAB	LD	OTH		CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH
Type of authority																	
London borough	785	684	317	74	1,860	42%	37%	17%	4%	+147	-163	+2	+13	+8%	-9%	+0%	+1%
Metropolitan borough	192	396	188	48	824	23%	48%	23%	6%	+7	-5	-6	+2	+1%	-1%	-1%	+0%
Unitary authority	128	120	88	25	361	35%	33%	24%	7%	+24	-26	+5	-3	+7%	-7%	+1%	-1%
Shire district	725	242	314	92	1,373	53%	18%	23%	7%	+139	-126	-	-13	+10%	-9%	0%	-1%
Region																	
North East	18	71	30	8	127	14%	56%	24%	6%	+1	-3	+1	+1	+1%	-2%	+1%	+1%
North West	188	262	172	25	647	29%	40%	27%	4%	+34	-44	+12	-2	+5%	-7%	+2%	-0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	64	117	68	35	284	23%	41%	24%	12%	-5	+8	-1	-2	-2%	+3%	-0%	-1%
East Midlands	43	26	15	0	84	51%	31%	18%	0%	+9	-14	+8	-3	+11%	-17%	+10%	-4%
West Midlands	140	114	47	26	327	43%	35%	14%	8%	+20	-26	+3	+1	+6%	-8%	+1%	+0%
Eastern	219	69	99	30	417	53%	17%	24%	7%	+23	-27	-3	+7	+6%	-6%	-1%	+2%
London	785	684	317	74	1,860	42%	37%	17%	4%	+147	-163	+2	+13	+8%	-9%	+0%	+1%
South East	291	70	120	32	513	57%	14%	23%	6%	+63	-32	-15	-16	+12%	-6%	-3%	-3%
South West	82	29	39	9	159	52%	18%	25%	6%	+25	-19	-6	-	+16%	-12%	-4%	0%
Proportion up																	
Third	992	730	554	156	2,432	41%	30%	23%	6%	+160	-139	-7	-16	+7%	-6%	-0%	-1%
Half	53	28	36	9	126	42%	22%	29%	7%	+10	-18	+6	+2	+8%	-14%	+5%	+2%
Whole	785	684	317	74	1,860	42%	37%	17%	4%	+147	-163	+2	+13	+8%	-9%	+0%	+1%
Pre-election council control																	
CON	837	210	165	38	1,250	67%	17%	13%	3%	+55	-51	-3	-1	+4%	-4%	-0%	-0%
LAB	411	772	212	90	1,485	28%	52%	14%	6%	+135	-204	+45	+23	+9%	-14%	+3%	+2%
LD	65	67	183	6	321	20%	21%	57%	2%	+22	+6	-29	+1	+7%	+2%	-9%	+0%
NOC	517	393	347	105	1,362	38%	29%	25%	8%	+105	-71	-12	-24	+8%	-5%	-1%	-2%
Total	1,830	1,442	907	239	4,418	41%	33%	21%	5%	+317	-320	+1	-1	+7%	-7%	+0%	-0%

Appendix 5

Party affiliation of councillors 1973-2006

Great Britain























	Number					Total	% total				
	CON	LAB	LD	PC/SNP	OTH		CON	LAB	LD	PC/SNP	OTH
1973	7,709	9,781	1,427	65	5,183	24,165	32%	40%	6%	0%	21%
1974	8,102	10,325	1,474	145	5,664	25,710	32%	40%	6%	1%	22%
1975	8,301	10,117	1,462	145	5,685	25,710	32%	39%	6%	1%	22%
1976	11,077	8,213	1,113	223	5,132	25,758	43%	32%	4%	1%	20%
1977	12,370	7,115	950	349	4,965	25,749	48%	28%	4%	1%	19%
1978	12,645	6,644	923	349	4,920	25,481	50%	26%	4%	1%	19%
1979	12,222	7,410	1,059	301	4,388	25,380	48%	29%	4%	1%	17%
1980	11,738	8,011	1,149	186	4,325	25,409	46%	32%	5%	1%	17%
1981	10,545	8,999	1,455	172	4,208	25,379	42%	35%	6%	1%	17%
1982	10,447	8,774	1,850	177	4,099	25,347	41%	35%	7%	1%	16%
1983	10,557	8,782	2,171	175	3,570	25,255	42%	35%	9%	1%	14%
1984	10,393	8,870	2,331	179	3,515	25,288	41%	35%	9%	1%	14%
1985	10,191	8,746	2,633	177	3,432	25,179	40%	35%	10%	1%	14%
1986	9,216	8,759	2,971	191	3,364	24,501	38%	36%	12%	1%	14%
1987	9,141	8,525	3,640	203	2,974	24,483	37%	35%	15%	1%	12%
1988	9,150	8,601	3,518	254	2,968	24,491	37%	35%	14%	1%	12%
1989	9,242	8,636	3,343	258	2,958	24,437	38%	35%	14%	1%	12%
1990	9,020	8,920	3,265	264	2,968	24,437	37%	37%	13%	1%	12%
1991	7,985	9,504	3,672	292	2,997	24,450	33%	39%	15%	1%	12%
1992	8,288	9,102	3,728	334	2,977	24,429	34%	37%	15%	1%	12%
1993	7,802	9,213	4,123	358	2,948	24,444	32%	38%	17%	1%	12%
1994	7,286	9,257	4,551	392	2,941	24,427	30%	38%	19%	2%	12%
1995	4,883	10,461	4,942	294	2,157	22,737	21%	46%	22%	1%	9%
1996	4,276	10,929	5,078	298	2,157	22,738	19%	48%	22%	1%	9%
1997	4,449	10,608	4,754	301	2,076	22,188	20%	48%	21%	1%	9%
1998	4,772	10,411	4,629	304	2,083	22,199	21%	47%	21%	1%	9%
1999	6,144	9,134	4,485	444	1,973	22,180	28%	41%	20%	2%	9%
2000	6,748	8,536	4,472	444	2,078	22,278	30%	38%	20%	2%	9%
2001	6,941	8,487	4,382	418	2,132	22,360	31%	38%	20%	2%	10%
2002	7,177	8,117	4,379	412	2,069	22,154	32%	37%	20%	2%	9%
2003	7,776	7,175	4,581	383	2,101	22,016	35%	33%	21%	2%	10%
2004	8,033	6,652	4,708	361	2,201	21,955	37%	30%	21%	2%	10%
2005	8,193	6,500	4,743	357	2,233	22,044	37%	29%	22%	2%	10%
2006	8,482	6,105	4,708	368	2,229	21,892	39%	28%	22%	2%	10%

Note: LD includes predecessor parties

Sources: House of Commons Library Research Paper 04/61 UK Election Statistics 1918-2004
 Rallings and Thrasher *Local Elections Handbook 2005*
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Appendix 6

Mayoral election results: 4 May 2006

		First preference		Change(a)	Second preference votes	Total		
		Votes	% vote			2002-06	Votes	% vote
Hackney								
	Jules Pipe	* LAB	20,830	46.9%	+4.9%	3,403	24,233	73.4%
	Andrew Boff	CON	7,454	16.8%	+3.1%	1,331	8,785	26.6%
	Matthew Penhaligon	LD	4,882	11.0%	-1.7%			
	Mima Bone	GRN	4,683	10.5%				
	Hettie Peters	IND	2,907	6.5%				
	Dean Ryan	RES	2,800	6.3%				
	Monty Goldman	COM (b)	896	2.0%				
	Turnout		44,452	34.3%				
Lewisham								
	Steve Bullock	* LAB	22,155	37.7%	-7.2%	2,974	25,129	57.1%
	Christopher Maines	LD	12,398	21.1%	+4.8%	6,491	18,889	42.9%
	James Cleverly	CON	10,790	18.4%	+0.4%			
	Michael Keogh	GRN	7,168	12.2%	-0.2%			
	John Hamilton	IND	4,823	8.2%				
	Sinna Mani	LPA (c)	1,366	2.3%				
	Turnout		58,700	33.0%				
Newham								
	Robin Wales	* LAB	28,655	47.9%	-2.9%	5406	34,061	68.2%
	Akhtar Jafar	RES	12,898	21.6%		2983	15,881	31.8%
	Shafi Choudhury	CON	8,822	14.7%	+3.2%			
	Alan Craig	CPA (d)	6,559	11.0%	+1.9%			
	Anwar Hussain	LD	2,886	4.8%				
	Turnout		59,820	34.5%				
Watford								
	Dorothy Thornhill	* LD	11,963	51.2%	+1.7%			
	Stephen O'Brien	CON	4,838	20.7%	-0.7%			
	Ruth Ellis	LAB	4,062	17.4%	-4.7%			
	Stephen Rackett	GRN	2,522	10.8%	+6.9%			
	Turnout		23,385	39.2%				

Note (a) Comparisons are with previous mayoral elections on 2 May 2002 except Hackney, where the 2002 election was held on 17 October
Comparisons with 2002 are for the party, rather than the individual candidate

(b) Communist Party of Britain

(c) Lewisham Peoples' Alliance

(d) Christian Peoples Alliance

* Signifies incumbent candidate

Sources: Rallings and Thrasher, *Local Elections Handbook 2002*
Individual councils