



Japan Local Government Centre, London

Monthly Report for May 2010 (England) – Local elections 2010

Councils		Councillors		
Party	Total	Net +/-	Total	Net +/-
Conservative	66	-8	3,447	-119
Labour	37	+15	2,945	+412
Liberal Democrat	14	-3	1,714	-129
Others	0	0	286	-107
Residents Association	0	0	63	0
Green	0	0	35	-9
British National Party	0	0	19	-27
Liberal	0	0	12	0
UK Independence Party	0	0	9	-4
Independent Health Concern	0	0	8	-2
Respect	0	0	4	-8
No Overall Control	45	-4		

Source: BBC News

Local elections to councils in England took place alongside the General Election on May 6. There were no elections to local councils in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

Elections took place in the 32 London Boroughs (not City of London), all 36 Metropolitan Districts (one third of council), 20 unitary authorities (one third of council) and 76 district councils (69 one third of council, seven half of council). There were also four elections for directly elected mayors and a referendum on an elected mayor.

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Results

In the London Boroughs, Labour benefited from a higher than usual turnout to regain many councils it lost over the past decade, taking Brent (from no overall control), Camden (no overall control), Ealing (from Conservative), Enfield (Conservative), Harrow (Conservative), Hounslow (from no overall control), Islington (no overall control), Lewisham (no overall control), Southwark (no overall control) and Waltham Forest (no overall control). It also increased its majorities in those councils it already controlled, securing all seats in Barking and Dagenham and Newham. The Conservatives took Richmond upon Thames from the Liberal Democrats in their sole gain.

In the metropolitan districts, Labour regained control of Doncaster (from no overall control) and Liverpool and Coventry city councils (from the Liberal Democrats), while the Liberal Democrats also lost Sheffield and Rochdale to no overall control. The Conservatives lost Bury and North Tyneside to no overall control.

Among the unitary councils, Labour regained Hartlepool (from no overall control), while the Liberal Democrats took Portsmouth (from no overall control).

All four directly elected mayors, first elected in May 2002, were re-elected for third terms: Jules Pipe (Hackney), Sir Steve Bullock (Lewisham), Sir Robin Wales (Newham) and Dorothy Thornhill (Watford). While there were no mayoral elections in Doncaster and Hartlepool, both elected mayors now face councils controlled by the opposition Labour Party.

In the London Borough of Tower Hamlets a referendum was held on the introduction of a directly elected mayor following a successful petition to the council for a vote. 60,758 residents voted in favour of the plan, and 39,857 voted against, with a turnout of 62.09 per cent. An election for a mayor will now be held in October.

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