



# Local elections 2017: The TUSC results

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# Overview

This year's local elections took place on Thursday May 4th, with contests for all the 32 Scottish councils, the 22 councils in Wales, and 34 English county councils and unitary authorities. There were also mayoral elections in two metropolitan borough councils – Doncaster and North Tyneside – and for new 'Metro-Mayors' in Merseyside (the 'Liverpool City Region'), Greater Manchester, Teesside, the West of England, the West Midlands, and Peterborough and Cambridge.

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) stood 78 council candidates across 24 local authorities, as well as candidates for the mayor of Doncaster and the Liverpool City Region Metro-Mayor.

Overall TUSC candidates won a total of 15,407 votes in these contests. Details of the results achieved are given in the statistical tables that follow and some significant features of these are presented in the summary points which conclude this introductory overview.

## To stand or not to stand?

There was a more extensive debate than previously within TUSC on whether or not to contest the local elections this year.

Ever since Jeremy Corbyn's Labour leadership election victory in 2015 the TUSC national steering committee, which has the final say on approving election candidates, has been determined to support him against the Blairites and build the anti-austerity struggle that lay behind his success.

TUSC has still continued to contest local elections against right-wing Labour councillors who oppose Jeremy Corbyn and who are carrying out Tory cuts. But there has been a tighter approach to electoral contests since September 2015, with local groups required to attempt a dialogue with their local Labour candidates to find out their position before a decision is made to stand.

This meant that in the 2016 local council elections, taking place in the metropolitan districts, TUSC, while fielding 302 candidates, did not reach the party election broadcast threshold, unlike in 2015. TUSC still had the sixth-largest presence on the ballot paper, but the scale of our electoral reach was limited by the new political context.

So what should be done in 2017? The Conservative-dominated English county councils and unitary authorities with elections on May 4th were not the most favourable terrain for TUSC. These seats were last contested in 2013 and even then, against the backdrop of Ed Miliband's Labour leadership, TUSC had a modest intervention. Was there a case not to stand at all this year, particularly after the defeat of the 'summer coup' against Jeremy Corbyn?

## TUSC conference debate

These issues were debated on the TUSC national steering committee throughout the autumn and at the TUSC conference held on January 28th. The main conference session was a forum under the heading, 'TUSC's role now and the 2017 elections', with platform speakers from what were then the three constituent organisations of TUSC, the RMT transport workers' union, the Socialist Party, and the SWP. The following motion was agreed by the conference, with five votes against:

"This conference re-affirms the support that TUSC has given to Jeremy Corbyn against Labour's Blairite right-wing, from his initial leadership election victory in September 2015 and during his re-election campaign in 2016.

"We recognise that his leadership of the Labour Party has opened up the political situation compared to the first five years of TUSC's existence and that his defeat by the Labour right-wing would be a serious blow for the working class movement.

“TUSC was set-up in 2010, co-founded by the late Bob Crow, to enable trade unionists, community campaigners and socialists to stand candidates under a common anti-austerity and socialist banner, with an agreed minimum platform of core policies. Establishing an electoral coalition of this character, involving a mix of constituent organisations and individuals, was conceived as a step towards solving the vacuum of working class political representation that had existed since the triumph of ‘New Labour’.

“Clearly Jeremy Corbyn’s leadership victory, potentially a terminal defeat of New Labour, required TUSC to re-calibrate its electoral activity and conference supports the steps taken by the steering committee to do so. In the May 2016 local elections, for example, no TUSC candidates were even considered to be run without local TUSC groups seeking a dialogue with the sitting Labour councillor or prospective candidate on the critical issue of their preparedness to resist cuts to local council jobs and services.

“Conference calls on the steering committee to continue with this approach for the 2017 elections.

“We recognise that this will be more challenging in the 33 English county councils and unitary authorities with elections in May, only six of which have Labour-led administrations. That is not the case, however, in Wales – where right-wing Labour is the dominant force in local government – or Scotland, in a different political context and with councillors elected under a proportional representation system in multi-member wards. The preference vote system used in mayoral elections also makes it easier for TUSC candidacies to be supportive of Jeremy Corbyn’s anti-austerity message while making sure that the Tories do not make electoral headway.

“Notwithstanding the differences between the various contests taking place in May, conference calls on the steering committee to ensure that, for whichever elections candidate applications are received, TUSC’s electoral interventions are part of a serious campaign against cuts to local public services and will strengthen the battle against the right wing in the Labour Party and the unions”.

Reports appeared in *The Socialist*, at <http://www.socialistparty.org.uk/articles/24360/01-02-2017/tusc-to-stand-or-not-to-stand> and in *Socialist Worker*, at <https://socialistworker.co.uk/art/44016/TUSC+tackles+the+elephant+in+the+room>, showing the seriousness with which TUSC supporters debated these issues.

## **A calibrated approach**

The steering committee met on two occasions after the January conference, on February 15th and March 22nd, to discuss applications from prospective candidates who wished to contest the May elections.

The applications were judged carefully against the criteria set for this year’s electoral challenges at the conference. In line with these parameters, none of the TUSC candidates were contesting seats in which the Labour candidate was known to have come out in support of Jeremy Corbyn in last year’s Labour leadership contest. On the contrary, those allegedly representing the Labour Party in these seats either publically supported Owen Smith’s summer coup or stayed ‘neutral’ as the campaign to overthrow Jeremy Corbyn was under way.

In addition, the preparedness of the Labour candidates to fight cuts to local public services was detailed in each case. There were no TUSC candidates standing against Labour candidates who would vote for no cuts budgets in the council chamber.

Nevertheless, prior to the 22nd March meeting, a letter was received from the SWP suspending their participation in the TUSC steering committee because of the decision to stand candidates in England and Wales, although they would continue to participate in the election challenge in

Scotland. Their reasoning was explained in an article in *Socialist Worker*, at <https://socialistworker.co.uk/art/44221/The+SWP%2C+TUSC+and+Labour+how+do+we+take+on+the+Tories>, and a response was published by the Socialist Party, at <http://www.socialistparty.org.uk/articles/25022/15-03-2017/tusc-swp-suspends-participation-in-englandwales>

While expressing disappointment at the SWP's decision, the steering committee welcomed their acknowledgement that "at some point... it will be necessary to stand in elections again", and was clear that the door would remain open for them to return in the future.

But meanwhile the 2017 campaign was now in place. More targeted than in the 'Before Corbyn' years – but still sending a message to politicians from any party that, if they vote for cuts in the council chamber, they should not be surprised if they are challenged at the ballot box.

## **Good start to the campaign**

The TUSC campaign made a good start. In Merseyside, for example, a key feature of the Metro-Mayor campaign was the fight against the plans of Merseyrail to get rid of guards on trains and introduce Driver Only Operation (DOO) on the new stock that will come into service during the new mayor's first term of office.

The Merseyrail franchise is under the control of the Merseytravel committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority which is exclusively composed of Labour councillors. Labour's Metro-Mayor candidate Steve Rotheram was under growing pressure to come out and pledge that there would be no DOO on his watch if he were to win (as he was almost guaranteed to do).

By being on the ballot paper and appearing at hustings the TUSC candidate Roger Bannister, a former member of the UNISON public sector workers' national executive council, was a constant reminder to Steve Rotheram that he had the power to save the guards on Merseyrail and strike a blow against the Tories' dangerous plans for safety on the railways not just in Merseyside but across Britain.

Meanwhile in Doncaster, going into Easter the TUSC mayoral candidate, Steve Williams, was ahead of both the Tories and Labour's incumbent mayor in an online poll by the local paper, the *Doncaster Free Post* (with a maverick independent also polling well). A recent report by the Association for Public Excellence (APSE) found that just a quarter of local electors held central government responsible for declining council services. TUSC's message that local councillors have a choice and that they don't have to implement austerity, fitted in with working class people's expectations.

And it got support from some surprising places too. Responding to the revelations earlier this year of how the government had literally brought off the opposition to its cuts from Surrey county council, an article by Matthew Turner on The Independent's website referenced TUSC's campaign briefing document, *Preparing a No Cuts People's Budget*, as a model that could be pursued by Labour councils (see <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/pmqs-labour-councils-sweetheart-deal-surrey-theresa-may-austerity-a7571156.html>).

This is the strategy which TUSC has pioneered in the local government trade unions and in our electoral campaigns, that Labour councils should use their reserves and borrowing powers to pass no cuts budgets and, on that basis, prepare a united confrontation with the government for more resources for local public services.

Matthew Turner finished his article with the point that "Jeremy Corbyn often says that 'austerity is a political choice' and it's about time that Labour councils stood up to the government and opposed their methods of selective austerity".

The idea of supporting Jeremy Corbyn but fighting against Blairite Labour backers of austerity could clearly find an audience in a local election campaign.

## **A May surprise**

Then, on April 18th, Theresa May made her surprise announcement of a general election. It was obvious that, whatever the TUSC candidates did, this would cut across the council contests.

Driving the Tories out on June 8th and the election of a Corbyn-led Labour government would clearly create the best conditions to defend local public services. While the pitch could be made that a TUSC vote in the council polls would be a declaration of support for Jeremy Corbyn's anti-austerity message against the attacks on him by the Tories and the Blairites, there would inevitably be a polarisation on national party lines.

And that's what happened. In Doncaster both Labour and the Tories put on ten thousand votes compared to their performance four years ago in 2013 (see page ten) while the Independent candidate faded. In the circumstances Steve Williams did well to poll 1,531 votes, with TUSC council candidates also polling 1,015 votes standing across four Doncaster wards (out of 21 wards, less than one in five).

In the Mersey Metro-Mayor contest Labour won comfortably in every one of the six boroughs that constituted the Liverpool City Region but the Tories were second, even in Liverpool itself. The Tory candidate, Tony Caldeira, had stood for mayor of Liverpool twice before, in 2012 and 2016. On both occasions he was outpolled by the TUSC candidate, ex-Labour councillor Tony Mulhearn in 2012 and Roger Bannister last year. On the back of Theresa May's general election move it really was a case of third time lucky for him!

But while coming sixth overall it was significant that TUSC was the fourth party in Knowsley, coming in ahead of UKIP and the Greens, and once again outpolling UKIP in Liverpool itself.

## **What next?**

With the announcement of the general election the TUSC national steering committee agreed to release a press statement by the national chairperson, Dave Nellist, welcoming the chance that now existed to drive the Tories out of government (see <http://www.tusc.org.uk/17358/22-04-2017/tusc-chair-dave-nellist-welcomes-general-election-chance-to-drive-out-the-tories>).

This included the recognition that "a general election intervention is different to building a campaign against local Blairite councillors, and in a hastily called snap election especially so".

Now the steering committee will have to discuss how best to take forward TUSC's founding aims in a new political situation which will potentially throw all 'established political facts' into question. That obviously includes whether Jeremy Corbyn remains for long as leader of the Labour Party after June 8th – even if Labour wins – and what that would mean for working class political representation.

Including this year's elections, around 2,400 candidates have appeared on the ballot paper under the TUSC umbrella since our formation in 2010, polling over 360,000 votes. Whatever lies ahead, TUSC, and the model of an inclusive coalition it has provided, will be a player in the events to come.

# Summary points

- TUSC stood a total of 78 council candidates in 24 councils across England, Scotland and Wales, contesting 71 wards or divisions. TUSC also stood candidates in two of the eight Mayoral elections held on May 4th.
- The TUSC candidate for the Liverpool City Region 'Metro-Mayor', the former Unison national executive member Roger Bannister, polled 7,881 votes.
- TUSC came in sixth place across the city region, comprised of six borough councils, but was in fourth place in Knowsley, ahead of UKIP and the Greens, and fifth in Liverpool itself, beating UKIP there.
- This is the third time that TUSC has outpolled UKIP in Britain's eighth biggest city, following the Liverpool mayoral elections in 2012 and 2016 – surely now there should be at least one BBC Question Time appearance for TUSC?
- TUSC's candidate for the mayor of Doncaster, health worker Steve Williams – 'socialist Steve' – polled a very creditable 1,531 votes, while TUSC candidates in the Doncaster council elections taking place at the same time polled 1,015 votes across just four wards (out of 21).
- The best council election scores after those in Doncaster were achieved in Swansea's Townhill ward (8.9%), Derbyshire county council's Bolsover South division (8.0%), Llannon in Carmarthenshire (7.1%), and Bolsover North (6.6%). The best vote for Scottish TUSC candidates was in Dundee's Maryfield ward (6.1%).
- Across the 36 wards that had TUSC candidates in Scotland and Wales, TUSC polled more votes than UKIP, which has MEPs in both countries and members of the Welsh Assembly.
- In more than one in four (27%) of the council wards where TUSC stood a candidate on May 4th, TUSC either outpolled the Liberal Democrats – two years ago a 'party of government' – or they were unable to field a candidate.
- The total number of votes received for all TUSC candidates on May 4th was 15,407.

# A note on statistical methods

The results tables include a figure for the percentage of the vote won by TUSC in each council ward or county council division contested.

How this figure is worked out is straightforward in a contest for one seat – the percentage figure for the TUSC candidate being the percentage of all the votes cast.

For the Scottish council elections, which use the single transferable vote (STV) system form of proportional representation in multi-seat wards, the figure given is an aggregate vote of all the candidates of one party in the ward. So for the Scottish TUSC results the percentage figure presented is the percentage of first preference votes won by all the TUSC candidates (one or more) in the ward.

But what about multi-seat contests in England and Wales, with a non-PR system, where two, three or more councillors are elected from the same ward? Particularly, for example, where the council only publishes the votes cast for each candidate but not the turnout, or the size of the electorate? How to present such results, particularly where a party fields just one candidate in a two or three-seat contest, is a controversial question of psephology.

TUSC has now been using the same method to calculate votes in multi-seat wards since 2011, which has the advantage of allowing a comparison across different year's election results.

In an example from the elections of that year, in Leicester's Rushey Mead ward the single TUSC candidate polled 272 votes, ahead of one Liberal Democrat candidate but behind the other two. It was a fact that 4.9% of the 5,524 people who voted in Rushey Mead used one of their three votes for TUSC. But they actually cast a total of 13,917 votes (which meant incidentally that 2,655 potential votes were not used). So how should TUSC's share of support in the ward be calculated? It could have been presented as a percentage of the total votes cast, 1.9%, and some councils do present the figures in this way. On the other hand, if all the ward's candidates' votes were presented as a percentage of the 5,524 actual voters, the total number of votes would be 300%.

So the method used is to record the TUSC vote (or the highest TUSC vote in a multi-seat ward with more than one TUSC candidate) as a percentage of the aggregate of the highest votes of all the parties contesting the ward, the highest vote being taken as a maximum expression of a particular party's support.

In the Rushey Mead example there wasn't much deviation from the percentage of ballots cast method. The aggregate of the highest Labour vote (2,789), the highest Independent (1,039), the Tories' highest vote (861), the top Lib Dem vote (556), and TUSC's 272 votes, came to a total of 5,517. On this calculation, TUSC again polled 4.9% in the ward.

This method is neither a 'correct' nor 'incorrect' way of presenting the support there for TUSC. It is just another method, with its limitations openly acknowledged.





## Elections 2017: Directly-elected Mayoral results

There were eight directly-elected Mayoral contests this year, for the new combined authorities' 'Metro-Mayors' in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region, Tees Valley, West Midlands and West of England; and for Doncaster and North Tyneside metropolitan borough councils.

TUSC stood a candidate in two of these – Steve Williams in Doncaster and Roger Bannister in the Liverpool City Region – with the results from these listed in the main tables. The Liverpool City region covered six local authority areas – Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral – and the results in these are also given, with TUSC's percentage vote in each council.

### The Liverpool City Region results

Steve Rotheram, Labour – 171,167 (59.3%)  
Tony Caldeira, Conservative – 58,805 (20.4%)  
Carl Cashman, Liberal Democrat – 19,751 (6.8%)  
Tom Crone, Green – 14,094 (4.9%)  
Paula Walters, UKIP – 11,946 (4.1%)  
**Roger Bannister, TUSC – 7,881 (2.7%)**  
Tabitha Morton, Women's Equality Party – 4,287 (1.5%)  
Paul Breen, Independent – 729 (0.2%)

*Turnout 26.1% Total valid votes: 288,660*

### The Liverpool City Region result by council

Halton	Lab 11,636; Con 3,928; UKIP 1,191; LD 943; Green 677; <b>TUSC 503 (2.6%)</b> ; WEP 245; Ind 64. <i>Turnout: 20.5% Total valid votes 19,187</i>
Knowsley	Lab 17,861; Con 2,577; LD 2,385; <b>TUSC 980 (3.8%)</b> ; UKIP 888; Green 768; WEP 256; Ind 61. <i>Turnout: 22.7% Total valid votes 25,776</i>
Liverpool	Lab 63,241; Con 9,409; LD 6,053; Green 5,376; <b>TUSC 2,729 (3.0%)</b> ; UKIP 2,298; WEP 1,541; Ind 277. <i>Turnout: 28.6% Total valid votes 90,924</i>
St Helens	Lab 15,643; Con 8,293; LD 2,299; Green 1,961; UKIP 1,683; <b>TUSC 786 (2.5%)</b> ; WEP 443; Ind 83. <i>Turnout: 22.9% Total valid votes 31,191</i>
Sefton	Lab 30,061; Con 14,574; LD 4,152; Green 2,323; UKIP 2,064; <b>TUSC 1,248 (2.2%)</b> ; WEP 797; Ind 138. <i>Turnout: 26.9% Total valid votes 55,357</i>
Wirral	Lab 32,725; Con 20,124; LD 3,919; UKIP 3,822; Green 2,989; <b>TUSC 1,635 (2.5%)</b> ; WEP 1,005; Ind 106. <i>Turnout: 27.8% Total valid votes 66,325</i>

## Previous results for the Liverpool council mayoralty

2016 Liverpool mayor result: Labour 51,332; Liberal Democrats 20,598; Green 10,609; **TUSC 4,950 (5.1%)**; Independent 3,964; Conservatives 3,533; English Democrats 2,590.  
TUSC candidate: Roger Bannister  
*Total valid votes 97,576*

2012 Liverpool mayor result: Labour 58,448; Independent 8,292; Liberal Democrats 6,238; Green 5,175; **TUSC 4,792 (4.8%)**; Liberal Party 4,442; Conservatives 4,425; UKIP 2,352; English Democrats 1,400; Independent 1,362; British National Party 1,015; National Front 566.  
TUSC candidate: Tony Mulhearn  
*Total valid votes 98,507*

# Elections 2017: Directly-elected Mayoral results

## Doncaster

Ros Jones, Labour – 32,631 (50.9%)  
George Jabbour, Conservative – 13,575 (21.2%)  
Brian Whitmore, UKIP – 7,764 (12.1%)  
Eddie Todd, Independent – 5,344 (8.3%)  
Chris Whitwood, Yorkshire Party – 3,235 (5.0%)  
**Steve Williams, TUSC – 1,531 (2.4%)**

*Total valid votes: 64,080*

## Previous results for the Doncaster mayor

2013 result: Labour 21,996 (35.4%); Independent (Peter Davies) 21,406 (34.4%); English Democrats 4,615 (7.4%); Independent 4,557 (7.3%); Conservative 2,811 (4.5%); TUSC 1,916 (3.1%); Liberal Democrat 1,122 (1.8%); Independent 1,110 (1.8%); National Front 1,086 (1.7%); Save Our Services 786 (1.3%)  
TUSC candidate: Mary Jackson  
*Total valid votes: 61,405*



## Local Elections 2017: Scottish TUSC results by council

Below is a breakdown of the results achieved by TUSC candidates in the local elections in Scotland on May 4th, grouped by council area.

Scottish council elections use the [single transferable vote](#) (STV) system form of [proportional representation](#) in multi-seat wards. So listed are the first preference votes received by every party in the ward contested (which might be fielding more than one candidate), with a percentage of the vote figure also given for the TUSC candidates (this is differently calculated to results in multi-seat wards contested on a first-past-the-post basis. For more details see the Note on Statistical Methods on page eight).

### Dundee

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Coldside (four seats)	Wayne Scott	SNP 2,485; Lab 1,556; Con 618; Ind 481; Green 232; LD 158; <b>TUSC 82 (1.5%)</b> <i>Votes cast 5,622</i>
East End (three seats)	Ian Mckay	SNP 2,364; Lab 965; Con 571; Ind 205; Green 113; LD 110; UKIP 56; <b>TUSC 54 (1.2%)</b> <i>Votes cast 4,438</i>
Lochee (four seats)	Leah Ganley	SNP 2,479; Lab 1,702; Con 700; Ind 565; Green 132; LD 122; <b>TUSC 102 (1.8%)</b> <i>Votes cast 5,802</i>
Maryfield (three seats)	Stuart Fairweather	SNP 2,022; Lab 885; Con 722; <b>TUSC 250 (6.1%)</b> ; LD 216 <i>Votes cast 4,095</i>
North East (three seats)	Michael Taylor	SNP 2,056; Lab 1,033; Con 350; Ind 223; Green 62; <b>TUSC 52 (1.4%)</b> ; LD 50 <i>Votes cast 3,826</i>
Strathmartine (four seats)	Sinead Daly	SNP 2,636; Lab 1,155; LD 828; Ind 825; Con 546; <b>TUSC 105 (1.7%)</b> <i>Votes cast 6,095</i>
The Ferry (four seats)	Paul Johnson	Con 3,494; SNP 2,683; LD 1,422; Lab 1,054; Green 232; UKIP 47; <b>TUSC 43 (0.5%)</b> <i>Votes cast 8,975</i>

### East Lothian

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry (four seats)	Jimmy Hadow	Lab 3,067; SNP 2,004; Con 986; LD 159; <b>TUSC 63 (1.0%)</b> <i>Votes cast 6,279</i>

## Glasgow

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Canal (four seats)	Angela McCormick	SNP 2,447; Lab 1,992; Con 510; Ind 365; Green 275; UKIP 64; <b>TUSC 62 (1.1%)</b> ; LD 56 <i>Votes cast 5,771</i>
East Centre (four seats)	Matt Dobson	SNP 3,219; Lab 2,569; Con 950; Green 189; Ind 87; <b>TUSC 80 (1.1%)</b> <i>Votes cast 7,094</i>
Greater Pollok (four seats)	Mark McGowan	SNP 3,455; Lab 3,252; Con 1,188; Ind 217; Green 200; LD 131; <b>TUSC 77 (0.9%)</b> <i>Votes cast 8,520</i>
Langside (four seats)	Ronnie Stevenson	SNP 4,634; Lab 2,826; Con 1,459; Green 1,277; LD 350; UKIP 106; <b>TUSC 97 (0.9%)</b> <i>Votes cast 10,749</i>
Shettleston (four seats)	Jamie Cocozza	SNP 2,853; Lab 2,774; Con 1,368; Green 222; UKIP 105; LD 82; <b>TUSC 60 (0.8%)</b> ; SDP 51; Ind 41 <i>Votes cast 7,556</i>
Springburn & Robroyston (four seats)	Dave Semple	SNP 2,830; Lab 2,609; Con 681; Green 226; UKIP 105; LD 85; <b>TUSC 36 (0.5%)</b> <i>Votes cast 6,572</i>
Victoria Park (three seats)	Matt McGrath	SNP 3,104; Con 2,018; Lab 1,701; Green 1,150; LD 492; <b>TUSC 52 (0.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 8,517</i>

## North Ayrshire

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Irvine South (three seats)	Ian Kerr	SNP 1,414; Lab 1,113; Con 720; Ind 68; <b>TUSC 42 (1.2%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,357</i>

## Renfrewshire

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Erskine & Inchinnan (four seats)	Jim Halfpenny	SNP 2,355; Lab 1,758; Con 1,333; Ind 687; Green 115; LD 104; <b>TUSC 41 (0.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 6,393</i>
Renfrew South & Gallowhill (three seats)	Richard Neville	SNP 1,788; Lab 1,324; Con 725; Green 114; <b>TUSC 48 (1.2%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,999</i>

## West Lothian

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Broxburn, Uphall & Whitehall (four seats)	Elaine Mallon	SNP 2,903; Con 1,897; Lab 1,637; Green 256; LD 217; <b>TUSC 57 (0.8%)</b> <i>Votes cast 6,967</i>



# Local Elections 2017: The TUSC results in Wales

Below is a breakdown of the results achieved by TUSC candidates in the local elections in Wales on May 4th, grouped by council area.

Listed are the votes received by every candidate in the ward contested, with a percentage of the vote figure also given for the TUSC candidate (for how this has been calculated in multi-seat wards see the Note on Statistical Methods on page eight).

## Caerphilly

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
St Martins (three seats)	Megan Churchland	PC 1,284; PC 1,250; PC 1,211; Lab 717; Lab 714; Con 665; Con 638; Lab 614; Con 603; UKIP 283; UKIP 253; <b>TUSC 101 (3.3%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 3,050</i>

## Cardiff

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Adamsdown (two seats)	Dave Reid	LD 917; Lab 913; Lab 874; LD 863; Con 107; PC 105; PC 100; Green 99; Con 97; <b>TUSC 29 (1.3%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 2,170</i>
Caerau (two seats)	John Williams	Lab 1,340; Lab 1,152; PC 881; PC 788; Con 382; Con 277; LD 71; LD 61; <b>TUSC 28 (1.0%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 2,702</i>
Cathays (four seats)	Calum Glanville-Ellis; Seb Robyns	Lab 1,639; Lab 1,581; Lab 1,468; Lab 1,458; LD 976; LD 843; LD 834; LD 809; Green 416; PC 318; Con 308; Con 300; Con 297; PC 280; PC 274; PC 250; Con 244; <b>TUSC 81 (2.2%)</b> ; <b>TUSC 63</b> <i>Aggregate vote 3,738</i>
Ely (three seats)	Rich Edwards	Lab 1,472; Lab 1,380; Lab 1,269; PC 786; PC 745; PC 622; Con 509; Con 507; Con 267; LD 97; LD 84; <b>TUSC 64 (2.2%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 2,928</i>
Fairwater (three seats)	Ross Saunders	PC 2,414; PC 2,349; PC 2,017; Lab 1,160; Lab 1,101; Lab 1,039; Con 535; Con 533; Con 450; LD 203; Green 190; LD 92; LD 92; <b>TUSC 73 (1.6%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 4,575</i>
Grangetown (three seats)	Lianne Francies; Joe Fathallah	Lab 2,199; Lab 2,198; Lab 2,121; PC 1,757; PC 1,438; PC 1,310; Con 671; Con 604; Con 580; LD 350; Green 272; LD 232; LD 194; <b>TUSC 65</b>

Llandaff North (two seats)	Gwilym Evans	<b>(1.2%); TUSC 46</b> <i>Aggregate vote 5,314</i> Lab 1,400; Lab 1,349; Con 531; PC 439; Con 422; PC 394; LD 171; LD 104; Ind 56; <b>TUSC 39 (1.5%)</b>
Pentwyn (four seats)	Steve Williams	<i>Aggregate vote 2,636</i> LD 1,822; LD 1,627; LD 1,578; Lab 1,411; Lab 1,409; LD 1,346; Lab 1,325; Lab 1,199; Con 663; Con 623; Con 559; Con 530; PC 236; PC 228; PC 202; PC 172; <b>TUSC 98 (2.3%)</b>
Rumney (two seats)	Emily Stables	<i>Aggregate vote 4,230</i> Lab 1,030; Lab 1,017; Con 871; Con 684; UKIP 221; UKIP 204; LD 104; LD 91; <b>TUSC 39 (1.7%)</b>
Sploft (three seats)	Katrine Williams; Dave Bartlett; Joao Felix	<i>Aggregate vote 2,265</i> Lab 1,685; Lab 1,658; Lab 1,656; Con 416; LD 413; Con 401; PC 398; PC 385; Con 373; LD 356; LD 322; PC 292; Green 170; <b>TUSC 70 (2.2%); TUSC 67; TUSC 50</b> <i>Aggregate vote 3,152</i>

## Carmarthenshire

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Llannon	Rob Owen	PC 701; Lab 585; Lab 576; PC 486; Ind 470; <b>TUSC 135 (7.1%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 1,891</i>

## Rhondda Cynon Taff

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Mountain Ash West	Mia Hollsing	Lab 781; Lab 589; Ind 299; PC 276; PC 251; <b>TUSC 63 (4.4%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 1,419</i>

## Swansea

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Castle (four seats)	Alec Thraves; Claire Job; Colin John	Lab 1,820; Lab 1,772; Lab 1,763; Lab 1,716; Con 568; Con 534; Con 425; Con 411; PC 349; PC 254; UKIP 247; LD 237; LD 235; Green 220; PC 210; LD 203; PC 191; LD 191; <b>TUSC 112 (3.1%); TUSC 97; TUSC 89</b> <i>Aggregate vote 3,553</i>
Townhill (three seats)	Owen Herbert	Lab 1,090; Lab 1,044; Lab 1,009; Con 261; UKIP 243; Con 233; <b>TUSC 155 (8.9%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 1,749</i>
Upper Loughor (one seat)	Mark Evans	Lab 638; Con 235; <b>TUSC 30 (3.3%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 903</i>



## Local Elections 2017: The English councils TUSC results

Below is a breakdown of the results achieved by TUSC candidates who stood in local council elections in England on May 4th, grouped by council area.

Listed are the votes received by every candidate in the ward contested, with a percentage of the vote figure also given for the TUSC candidate (for how this has been calculated in multi-seat wards see the Note on Statistical Methods on page eight).

### Cornwall

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Fowey & Tywardreth	Rob Rooney	Con 855; LD 509; Ind 365; <b>TUSC 46 (2.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 1,775</i>
St Austell Bethel	Gill Birchall	LD 433; Ind 411; Con 335; <b>TUSC 51 (4.1%)</b> <i>Votes cast 1,230</i>

### Derbyshire County Council

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Bolsover North	Elaine Evans	Lab 1,416; Con 717; <b>TUSC 163 (6.6%)</b> ; LD 160 <i>Votes cast 2,456</i>
Bolsover South	Jon Dale	Lab 1,335; Con 848; <b>TUSC 202 (8.0%)</b> ; LD 153 <i>Votes cast 2,538</i>

### Doncaster

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Bentley (three cllrs elected)	Lucas Jordan; Steve Flint	Lab 1,665; Lab 1,618; Lab 1,511; UKIP 832; Con 803; Green 398; Green 300; Green 267; <b>TUSC 169 (4.4%)</b> ; <b>TUSC 167</b> <i>Aggregate vote 3,867</i>
Finningley (three cllrs elected)	Owen Harris-Evans	Con 2,579; Con 2,385; Con 2,351; Lab 1,185; Lab 1,173; Lab 1,042; <b>TUSC 315 (7.7%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 4,079</i>
Rossington & Bawtry (three cllrs elected)	Luke Jones	Lab 1,823; Ind 1,645; Lab 1,497; Lab 1,368; Con 1,039; UKIP 937; <b>TUSC 159 (2.8%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 5,603</i>
Thorne & Moorends (three cllrs elected)	Mary Jackson	Lab 2,019; Lab 1,890; Lab 1,797; Ind 1,147; Ind 982; Ind 735; UKIP 583; Con 469; Ind 374; <b>TUSC 205 (4.3%)</b> <i>Aggregate vote 4,797</i>

## Hampshire County Council

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge	Jane Ward	Con 3,506; LD 1,131; Green 460; Lab 345; <b>TUSC 61 (1.1%)</b> <i>Votes cast 5,503</i>

## Hertfordshire County Council

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Bedwell	Mark Gentleman	Lab 1,735; Con 1,277; LD 179; Green 145; <b>TUSC 53 (1.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,389</i>
Borehamwood North	Mark Pickersgill	Con 1,406; Lab 1,133; UKIP 238; LD 156; <b>TUSC 18 (0.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 2,951</i>
Broadwater	Helen Kerr	Con 1,834; Lab 1,445; LD 270; Green 132; <b>TUSC 61 (1.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,742</i>
Chells	Roger Charles	LD 1,920; Con 939; Lab 755; UKIP 207; <b>TUSC 34 (0.9%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,855</i>
Hitchin North	Barbara Clare	Lab 2,223; Con 1,215; LD 550; Green 321; <b>TUSC 35 (0.8%)</b> <i>Votes cast 4,344</i>
Shephall	Trevor Palmer	Con 1,423; Lab 1,298; LD 299; Green 128; <b>TUSC 66 (2.1%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,214</i>
St Albans Central	Keith Hussey	LD 2,644; Con 1,040; Lab 567; Green 536; <b>TUSC 22 (0.5%)</b> <i>Votes cast 4,799</i>
Watford & Central Oxhey	Richard Shattock	LD 1,866; Lab 782; Con 710; Green 130; UKIP 109; <b>TUSC 20 (0.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,617</i>
St Nicolas	Amber Gentleman	Con 1,601; Lab 1,395; LD 232; UKIP 189; Green 123; <b>TUSC 37 (1.0%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,577</i>
West Watford	Derek Foster	Lab 2,063; LD 747; Con 414; <b>TUSC 69 (2.1%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,293</i>
Woodside Stanborough	John McShane	LD 1,662; Con 789; Lab 487; UKIP 166; Green 92; <b>TUSC 33 (1.0%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,229</i>

## Lancashire County Council

Ward	TUSC candidates	Results
Lytham	Josh Kelly	Con 1,901; Ind 1,375; Lab 380; LD 238; UKIP 128; Green 109; <b>TUSC 15 (0.4%)</b> <i>Votes cast 4,146</i>
Padiham & Burnley West	Gavin Hartley	UKIP 1,234; Lab 1,006; Con 714; LD 335; Green 63; <b>TUSC 27 (0.8%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,379</i>
Preston City	Matt Gordon	Lab 2,324; Con 655; UKIP 198; <b>TUSC 98 (3.0%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,275</i>
Preston East	Lucy Nuttall	Lab 1,447; Con 1,110; UKIP 355; LD 194; <b>TUSC 26 (0.8%)</b> <i>Votes cast 3,132</i>
Preston North	Dave Beale	Con 2,744; Lab 1,099; LD 435; Green 171; UKIP 168; <b>TUSC 27 (0.6%)</b> <i>Votes cast 4,644</i>



Preston South East

Tom Costello

Lab 2,172; Con 500; UKIP 195; **TUSC 65 (2.2%)**  
Votes cast 2,932

## Liverpool

### Ward

Wavertree (by-election)

### TUSC candidates

Angela Grant

### Results

Lab 2,632; LD 961; Con 286; Green 270; **TUSC 83 (2.0%)**  
Votes cast 4,232

## Manchester

### Ward

Rusholme (by-election)

### TUSC candidates

Jack Metcalf

### Results

Lab 2,188; LD 576; Green 458; Con 151; **TUSC 37 (1.1%)**  
Votes cast 3,410

## Nottinghamshire County Council

### Ward

Mansfield East

### TUSC candidates

Tom Hunt

### Results

Ind 2,695; Ind 2,450; Lab 1,799; Lab 1,699; LD 357; **TUSC 112 (2.2%)**  
Votes cast 4,963

Mansfield North

Karen Seymour

Lab 2,557; Lab 2,143; Con 1,924; UKIP 1,019; UKIP 848; LD 386; **TUSC 154 (2.5%)**  
Votes cast 6,040

Mansfield West

Paul Tooley-Okonkwo

Lab 2,124; Lab 2,110; Con 1,474; UKIP 1,116; UKIP 745; LD 416; **TUSC 156 (2.9%)**  
Votes cast 5,286

## Stevenage

### Ward

Roebuck (by-election)

### TUSC candidates

Helen Kerr

### Results

Con 725; Lab 714; LD 94; Green 87; **TUSC 25 (1.5%)**  
Votes cast 1,645

## Surrey County Council

### Ward

Staines

### TUSC candidates

Matt Clarke

### Results

Con 1,455; UKIP 718; Lab 589; LD 574; Green 208; **TUSC 46 (1.3%)**  
Votes cast 3,590

## Warwickshire County Council

### Ward

Benn

### TUSC candidates

Marian Wakelin

### Results

Lab 1,054; Con 502; LD 189; Green 137; **TUSC 68 (3.5%)**  
Votes cast 1,950

New Bilton & Overslade

Julie Weeks

Lab 1,019; Con 715; LD 333; Green 111; **TUSC 44 (2.0%)**  
Votes cast 2,222

## Wirral

### Ward

Claughton (by-election)

### TUSC candidates

Leon Wheddon

### Results

Lab 1,761; LD 740; Con 567; Green 136; UKIP 130; **TUSC 27 (0.8%)**  
Votes cast 3,361