



# A directory of the elections taking place in May

Elections will take place on Thursday May 4th 2017 for all the 32 Scottish councils, the 22 councils in Wales, and 33 English county councils and unitary authorities.

Also on the same day there will be Mayoral elections in two metropolitan borough councils – Doncaster and North Tyneside – and for the new combined authorities’ ‘Metro-Mayors’, at least in Merseyside, Greater Manchester, South Yorkshire, Teesside, the West of England, and the West Midlands.

Doncaster will also have all its 55 councillors up for election, running alongside the Mayoral election – yet another council eroding local democracy by moving from annual elections to four-yearly contests.

This directory provides a breakdown of the councils being contested in May, the number of councillors up for election, and the current political control in each council indicated.

In total 1,223 councillors will be elected in 381 wards in Scotland, 1,253 councillors in 853 wards in Wales, and 2,336 councillors in 2,184 divisions in the English counties.

The list of Metro-Mayoral contests, with the councils they cover, begins on page three. The Scottish councils up for election are on pages five and six; the Welsh councils on pages seven and eight; and the English counties from pages nine to twelve.

Lastly, on pages 13 to 16, there is a list of all the Labour councillors who publically joined the coup attempt against Jeremy Corbyn last summer, who are up for re-election this year.

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## The 2017 elections: The Metro-Mayor elections

In May a number of directly-elected Mayors will be elected for combined authorities – the Metro-Mayors – in regions broadly covering the old Metropolitan county councils that have negotiated ‘devolution deals’ with the government.

Not all the regulations are in place yet for these newly-established positions but the elections will be conducted on a ‘preference vote’ basis, like the directly-elected city mayors, with the elector able to vote for a first and second choice.

There will be an election deposit, of £5,000 per contest (returnable on winning 5% of the first preference votes) and an opportunity for a two-page insertion in a Mayoral Election booklet distributed to every elector (for which candidates will also be charged, like the city Mayoral candidates are).

Below are the Metro-Mayor elections that are known to be taking place at the time of writing, with the constituent councils of the new combined authority (and their political composition) listed in each case.

### Liverpool City Region

Population: 1.5 million

Liverpool (Lab)  
Halton (Lab)  
Knowsley (Lab)  
Sefton (Lab)  
St Helens (Lab)  
Wirral (Lab)

### Sheffield City Region

Population: 1.8 million

Sheffield (Lab)  
Barnsley (Lab)  
Bassetlaw (Lab)  
Chesterfield (Lab)  
Doncaster (Lab)  
Rotherham (Lab)

### Greater Manchester

Population: 2.7 million

Manchester (Lab)  
Bolton (Lab)  
Bury (Lab)  
Oldham (Lab)  
Rochdale (Lab)  
Salford (Lab)  
Stockport (NOC)  
Tameside (Lab)  
Trafford (Con)  
Wigan (Lab)

### West Midlands

Population: 2.8 million

Birmingham (Lab)  
Coventry (Lab)  
Dudley (Lab)  
Sandwell (Lab)  
Solihull (Con)  
Walsall (NOC)  
Wolverhampton (Lab)

## **Tees Valley**

Population: 701,000

**Darlington (Lab)**

**Hartlepool (Lab)**

**Middlesbrough (Lab)**

**Redcar & Cleveland (NOC)**

**Stockton-on-Tees (Lab)**

## **West of England**

Population: 1.1 million

**Bristol (Lab)**

**Bath & North East Somerset (Con)**

**North Somerset (Con)**

**South Gloucestershire (Con)**



## The 2017 elections: The Scottish council contests

Below is a breakdown of the Scottish unitary authorities, all of which are being contested in May 2017 in all-up elections, with the number of seats up for election in each council and the current political leadership of the council.

Scottish council elections use the single transferable vote (STV) system form of proportional representation in multi-seat wards, making it harder for one party to win every seat in the ward or to achieve an overall majority on the council, with 21 councils currently under no overall control.

There are 32 councils with elections this year, electing 1,223 councillors in 381 wards. Labour, with around 390 councillors, controls five councils, four are led by Independents, and two by the Scottish National Party (SNP), Angus and Dundee.

But while Labour presently controls more councils – Glasgow, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire – the SNP has the biggest group of councillors, with over 400, followed by Labour, then Independents (over 200), the Tories (113), and 63 Liberal Democrats.

### **Aberdeen**

No overall control – 43 councillors in 13 wards

### **Aberdeenshire**

No overall control – 68 councillors in 19 wards

### **Angus**

SNP-controlled – 29 councillors in 8 wards

### **Argyll & Bute**

Independent-controlled – 36 councillors in 11 wards

### **Clackmannanshire**

No overall control – 18 councillors in 5 wards

### **Dumfries & Galloway**

No overall control – 47 councillors in 13 wards

### **Dundee**

SNP-controlled – 29 councillors in 8 wards

### **East Ayrshire**

No overall control – 32 councillors in 9 wards

### **East Dunbartonshire**

No overall control – 24 councillors in 8 wards

### **East Lothian**

No overall control – 23 councillors in 7 wards

### **East Renfrewshire**

No overall control – 20 councillors in 6 wards

### **Edinburgh**

No overall control – 58 councillors in 17 wards

**Eilean Siar (Outer Hebrides)**

Independent controlled – 31 councillors in 9 wards

**Falkirk**

No overall control – 32 councillors in 9 wards

**Fife**

No overall control – 78 councillors in 23 wards

**Glasgow**

Labour-controlled – 79 councillors in 21 wards

**Highland**

No overall control – 80 councillors in 22 wards

**Inverclyde**

No overall control – 20 councillors in 6 wards

**Midlothian**

No overall control – 18 councillors in 6 wards

**Moray**

No overall control – 26 councillors in 8 wards

**North Ayrshire**

No overall control – 30 councillors in 8 wards

**North Lanarkshire**

Labour-controlled – 70 councillors in 20 wards

**Orkney**

Independent-controlled – 21 councillors in 6 wards

**Perth & Kinross**

No overall control – 41 councillors in 12 wards

**Renfrewshire**

Labour-controlled – 40 councillors in 11 wards

**Scottish Borders**

No overall control – 34 councillors in 11 wards

**Shetland Islands**

Independent-controlled – 22 councillors in 7 wards

**South Ayrshire**

No overall control – 30 councillors in 8 wards

**South Lanarkshire**

Labour-controlled – 67 councillors in 20 wards

**Stirling**

No overall control – 22 councillors in 7 wards

**West Dunbartonshire**

Labour-controlled – 22 councillors in 6 wards

**West Lothian**

No overall control – 33 councillors in 9 wards



## The 2017 elections: The battlegrounds in Wales

Below is a breakdown of the Welsh unitary authorities being contested in May in all-up elections, with the number of seats up for election in each council and the current political leadership of the council.

There are 22 councils with elections this year, electing 1,253 councillors in 853 wards. Labour, with around 560 councillors, controls ten of the 22 councils, ten councils are under no overall control, and two are led by Independents, who with 320 councillors across Wales, are the second largest group. There are around 170 Plaid Cymru councillors, just over 100 Tories, and 75 Liberal Democrats.

### **Isle of Anglesey**

No overall control – 30 seats in 11 wards

### **Blaenau Gwent**

Labour-controlled – 41 seats in 16 wards

### **Bridgend**

Labour-controlled – 54 seats in 39 wards

### **Caerphilly**

Labour-controlled – 73 seats in 33 wards

### **Cardiff**

Labour-controlled – 75 seats in 29 wards

### **Carmarthenshire**

No overall control – 74 seats in 58 wards

### **Ceredigion**

No overall control – 42 seats in 40 wards

### **Conwy**

No overall control – 59 seats in 38 wards

### **Denbighshire**

No overall control – 47 seats in 30 wards

### **Flintshire**

No overall control – 70 seats in 57 wards

### **Gwynedd**

No overall control – 74 seats in 71 wards

### **Merthyr Tydfil**

Labour-controlled – 33 seats in 11 wards

### **Monmouthshire**

No overall control – 44 seats in 43 wards

### **Neath Port Talbot**

Labour-controlled – 64 seats in 42 wards

### **Newport**

Labour-controlled – 50 seats in 20 wards

### **Pembrokeshire**

Independent-controlled – 60 seats in 60 wards

**Powys**

Independent-controlled – 73 seats in 73 wards

**Rhondda Cynon Taf**

Labour-controlled – 75 seats in 52 wards

**Swansea**

Labour-controlled – 72 seats in 36 wards

**Torfaen**

Labour-controlled – 44 seats in 24 wards

**Vale of Glamorgan**

No overall control – 47 seats in 23 wards

**Wrexham**

No overall control – 52 seats in 47 wards





## The 2017 elections: The English county councils

Below is a breakdown of the English county councils and unitary authorities with elections this year, grouped into regions with the number of seats up for election in each council, the current political leadership of the council, some of the key towns where these elections will take place – and some unitary authorities within the county area that are *not* part of the elections – and the population in the 2011 census.

There are 33 county councils and unitary authorities with elections this year, electing 2,336 councillors in 2,184 divisions. In addition there is an ‘all-up’ election for the 55 councillors on Doncaster metropolitan borough council, elected from 21 wards, taking place alongside the election of the directly-elected Mayor. There is also a Mayoral election in North Tyneside, but without concurrent elections for councillors.

The dominant party in the English county councils are the Tories, defending over 1,100 seats this year. Labour leads the administration of just six of the councils with elections in May (plus Doncaster), with 525 councillors, almost the same number of councillors as the Liberal Democrats will be defending in these contests.

### Eastern

#### **Cambridgeshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 69 in 60 divisions  
Key towns: Cambridge; Huntingdon (not Peterborough)  
Population: 616,000

#### **Essex County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 75 in 70 divisions  
Key towns: Basildon; Colchester; Epping Forest; Harlow (not Thurrock; Southend)  
Population: 1.41m

#### **Hertfordshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 77 in 77 divisions  
Key towns: Stevenage; Watford; Welwyn Hatfield  
Population: 1.11m

#### **Norfolk County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 84 in 84 divisions  
Key towns: Norwich; Great Yarmouth; Kings Lynn  
Population: 862,000

#### **Suffolk County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 72 in 63 divisions  
Key towns: Ipswich; Lowestoft; Felixstowe  
Population: 719,000

## East Midlands

### **Derbyshire County Council (Lab)**

No. of councillors: 64 in 64 divisions  
Key towns: Bolsover; Chesterfield (not Derby)  
Population: 763,000

### **Leicestershire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 55 in 52 divisions  
Key towns: Loughborough; Coalville (not Leicester)  
Population: 648,000

### **Lincolnshire County Council (Con-LD)**

No. of councillors: 77 in 77 divisions  
Key towns: Lincoln; Boston (not Scunthorpe)  
Population: 703,000

### **Northamptonshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 57 in 57 divisions  
Key towns: Northampton; Corby; Wellingborough; Kettering  
Population: 685,000

### **Nottinghamshire County Council (Lab)**

No. of councillors: 67 in 54 divisions  
Key towns: Mansfield; Hucknall; West Bridgeford (not Nottingham)  
Population: 779,000

## Northern

### **Mayor of North Tyneside (Lab)**

Population: 196,000

### **Cumbria County Council (Lab-LD)**

No. of councillors: 84 in 84 divisions  
Key towns: Carlisle; Barrow-in-Furness; Workington  
Population: 494,000

### **Durham County Council (Lab)**

No. of councillors: 126 in 63 divisions  
Key towns: Durham; Easington (not Hartlepool)  
Population: 510,000

### **Northumberland County Council (Lab)**

No. of councillors: 67 in 67 divisions  
Key towns: Blyth; Morpeth  
Population: 312,000

## North West

### **Lancashire County Council (Lab)**

No. of councillors: 84 in 84 divisions  
Key towns: Preston; Chorley; Burnley (not Blackburn; Blackpool)  
Population: 1.169m

## South East

### **East Sussex County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 49 in 44 divisions  
Key towns: Hastings; Lewes (not Brighton)  
Population: 512,000

**Kent County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 84 in 72 divisions  
Key towns: Dover; Gravesham; Shepway (not Medway)  
Population: 1.427m

**West Sussex County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 71 in 71 divisions  
Key towns: Crawley; Worthing  
Population: 799,000

**Southern****Buckinghamshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 49 in 49 divisions  
Key towns: Aylesbury; Buckingham (not Milton Keynes)  
Population: 498,000

**Hampshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 78 in 78 divisions  
Key towns: Gosport; Havant; Winchester (not Southampton; Portsmouth)  
Population: 1.296m

**Oxfordshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 63 in 61 divisions  
Key towns: Banbury (not Oxford)  
Population: 648,000

**Surrey County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 81 in 81 divisions  
Key towns: Guildford; Spelthorne  
Population: 1.127m

**Isle of Wight (NOC)**

No. of councillors: 40 in 39 divisions  
Population: 140,000

**South West****Devon County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 62 in 62 divisions  
Key towns: Exeter; North Devon (not Plymouth)  
Population: 750,000

**Dorset County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 45 in 42 divisions  
Key towns: Weymouth (not Poole; Bournemouth)  
Population: 400,000

**Gloucestershire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 53 in 53 divisions  
Key towns: Gloucester; Stroud  
Population: 593,000

**Somerset County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 55 from 54 divisions  
Key towns: Taunton; Yeovil (not Bath)  
Population: 525,000

**Cornwall (NOC)**

No. of councillors: 123 in 122 divisions  
Key towns: Truro; Cambourne; Penzance  
Population: 535,000

### **Wiltshire (Con)**

No. of councillors: 98 in 98 divisions  
Key towns: Trowbridge; Salisbury (not Swindon)  
Population: 459,000

## **West Midlands**

### **Staffordshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 62 in 62 divisions  
Key towns: Stafford; Newcastle-under-Lyme (not Stoke; Walsall)  
Population: 806,000

### **Warwickshire County Council (NOC)**

No. of councillors: 62 in 56 divisions  
Key towns: Nuneaton; Rugby; Leamington (not Coventry)  
Population: 536,000

### **Worcestershire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 57 in 53 divisions  
Key towns: Worcester; Kidderminster; Redditch  
Population: 557,000

### **Shropshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 74 in 63 divisions  
Key towns: Shrewsbury (not Telford)  
Population: 293,000

## **Yorkshire**

### **Mayor of Doncaster (Lab)**

### **Doncaster Borough Council (Lab)**

No. of councillors: 55 in 21 wards  
Population: 304,000

### **North Yorkshire County Council (Con)**

No. of councillors: 72 in 68 divisions  
Key towns: Harrogate; Scarborough (not York)  
Population: 599,000



# The 2017 elections: Labour councillors up this year who backed the coup against Corbyn

Below is a list of Labour councillors who signed an open letter of support for Owen Smith in the summer 2016 coup against Jeremy Corbyn whose seats are up for election in May 2017 – if they haven't been deselected by their local party.

There are 61 Labour county councillors in England on this list, plus four Doncaster borough councillors; 25 councillors in Scotland and, perhaps not surprisingly, 120 councillors in Wales. A total of 210.

## English county councils

### Cambridgeshire county council

Cllr Ashley Walsh

### Cumbria county council

Cllr Barry Doughty  
Cllr Gillian Troughton  
Cllr Keith Little  
Cllr Mike Hawkins  
Cllr Hugh McDevitt  
Cllr Reg Watson  
Cllr Timothy Knowles  
Cllr Wendy Skillicorn  
Cllr Celia Tibble

### Cornwall county council

Cllr Jude Robinson  
Cllr Tim Dwelly

### Derbyshire county council

Cllr Marian Stockdale  
Cllr Stuart Brittain

### Devon county council

Cllr Olwen Foggie

### Durham county council

Cllr James Cordon  
Cllr John Hart  
Cllr Kate Hopper  
Cllr Katherine Dearden  
Cllr Paul Taylor  
Cllr Peter Brookes  
Cllr Thomas Nearney

### East Sussex county council

Cllr Godfrey Daniel

### Essex county council

Cllr Keith Bobbin  
Cllr Ivan Henderson

### Nottinghamshire county council

Cllr John Clarke  
Cllr Michael Payne  
Cllr Pauline Allan  
Cllr Darrell Pulk  
Cllr John Allin

### Gloucestershire county council

Cllr Barry Kirby

### Hertfordshire county council

Cllr Judi Billing  
Cllr Leon Reeve

### Lancashire county council

Cllr Kevin Ellard  
Cllr Steve Holgate

### Leicestershire county council

Cllr Robert Sharp

### North Yorkshire county council

Cllr Brian Marshall

**Northumberland county council**

Cllr Eileen Burt  
Cllr Ken Parry  
Cllr Margaret Richards

**Oxfordshire county council**

Cllr John Christie  
Cllr John Tanner  
Cllr Laura Price  
Cllr Mark Cherry  
Cllr Nick Hards

**Staffordshire county council**

Cllr Ann Beech  
Cllr Caroline Wood  
Cllr Derek Davies  
Cllr Mark Olszewski  
Cllr Susan Woodward

**Suffolk county council**

Cllr Len Jacklin  
Cllr Sandra Gage

**Surrey county council**

Cllr Robert Evans

**Warwickshire county council**

Cllr Caroline Phillips  
Cllr Dave Parsons  
Cllr John Beaumont

**Worcestershire county council**

Cllr Paul Denham  
Cllr Graham Vickery  
Cllr Luke Mallett  
Cllr Richard Udall  
Cllr Robin Lunn

## English borough councils

**Doncaster borough council**

Cllr Craig Sahman  
Cllr Elsie Butler  
Cllr Phil Cole  
Cllr Sandra Holland

## Wales

**Caerphilly council**

Cllr Alan Higgs  
Cllr Allan Rees  
Cllr Andrew Lewis  
Cllr Barbara Jones  
Cllr Carl Cuss  
Cllr David Carter  
Cllr David Davies  
Cllr David Hardacre  
Cllr David Harse  
Cllr David Poole  
Cllr David Wynne  
Cllr Eluned Stenner  
Cllr Gaynor Oliver  
Cllr Gez Kirby  
Cllr Jean Summers  
Cllr John Bevan  
Cllr Julian Simmonds  
Cllr June Gale  
Cllr Keith Reynolds  
Cllr Lisa Jones  
Cllr Michael Adams  
Cllr Nigel Dix  
Cllr Royston Saralis

**Cardiff council**

Cllr Christopher Davis  
Cllr Lynda Thorne  
Cllr Ashley Govier  
Cllr Benjamin Thomas  
Cllr Chris Weaver

Cllr Graham Hinchey  
Cllr Michael Costas-Michael  
Cllr Richard Cook  
Cllr Sam Knight  
Cllr Sarah Merry  
Cllr Sue White

**Carmarthenshire council**

Cllr Branwen Jones  
Cllr Calum Higgins  
Cllr David Evans  
Cllr Kevin Madge  
Cllr Ryan Thomas

**Conwy council**

Cllr Chris Hughes

**Denbigshire council**

Cllr Bill Tasker  
Cllr Pat Jones

**Flintshire council**

Cllr Glyn Banks  
Cllr Vicky Perfect

**Merthyr Tydfill council**

Cllr Brendan Toomey  
Cllr Brian Mansbridge  
Cllr Chris Barry  
Cllr Clive Jones  
Cllr David Isaac

Cllr Harvey Jones  
Cllr Phillip Williams  
Cllr Tom Lewis  
Cllr Tony Chaplin

**Monmouthshire council**

Cllr David Evans  
Cllr Peter Farley  
Cllr Ronald Higginson

**Neath Port Talbot council**

Cllr Andrew Jenkins  
Cllr Anthony Taylor  
Cllr Edward Jones  
Cllr John Warman  
Cllr Kristine Lloyd  
Cllr Mike Harvey

**Newport council**

Cllr Allan Morris  
Cllr Christine Maxfield  
Cllr Deborah Davies  
Cllr Emma Garland  
Cllr Malcolm Linton  
Cllr Mark Whitcutt  
Cllr Omar Ali  
Cllr Robert Poole

**Powys council**

Cllr David Huw Williams  
Cllr David Meredith  
Cllr David Thomas  
Cllr Matthew Dorrance

**Rhondda Cynon Taf council**

Cllr Andrew Morgan  
Cllr Ann Crimmings  
Cllr Bob McDonald  
Cllr Clayton Willis  
Cllr Craig Middelw  
Cllr Eudine Hanagan  
Cllr Geraint Hopkins  
Cllr Graham Stacey  
Cllr Jacqui Bunnage

## Scotland

**Aberdeen council**

Cllr Angela Taylor  
Cllr Barney Crockett  
Cllr George Adam  
Cllr Jenny Laing  
Cllr Scott Carle  
Cllr William Young

**Clackmannanshire council**

Cllr Kenneth Earle

**East Dunbartonshire council**

Cllr Maureen Henry  
Cllr Rhondda Geekie

Cllr John David  
Cllr Joy Rosser  
Cllr Kieron Montague  
Cllr Margaret Davies  
Cllr Margaret Griffiths  
Cllr Margaret Tegg  
Cllr Mark Adams  
Cllr Mark Norris  
Cllr Maureen Webber  
Cllr Michael Forey  
Cllr Paul Griffiths  
Cllr Richard Anthony Yeo  
Cllr Robert Bevan  
Cllr Teresa Bates  
Cllr Tina Leyshon

**Swansea council**

Cllr Andrew Jones  
Cllr Ann Cook  
Cllr Ceinwen Thomas  
Cllr Fiona Gordon  
Cllr Jane Harris  
Cllr Mark Child  
Cllr William Evans

**Torfaen council**

Cllr Alan Jones  
Cllr Anthony Hunt  
Cllr Barry Taylor  
Cllr David Daniels  
Cllr David Yeowell  
Cllr Giles Davies  
Cllr Neil Waite  
Cllr Norma Parrish  
Cllr Pamela Cameron  
Cllr Wayne Tomlinson

**Vale of Glamorgan council**

Cllr Bronwen Brooks  
Cllr Fredrick Johnson  
Cllr Gwyn Roberts  
Cllr Neil Moore  
Cllr Pamela Drake

**East Lothian council**

Cllr Jim Goodfellow  
Cllr Margaret Libberton  
Cllr Norman Hampshire

**East Renfrewshire council**

Cllr Alan Lafferty  
Cllr Jim Fletcher

**Glasgow council**

Cllr James Adams  
Cllr Martin Neill

**Highland council**

Cllr Deidre Mackay  
Cllr Elizabeth McAllister  
Cllr Jimmy Gray  
Cllr Roger Saxon

**Moray council**

Cllr Sean Morton

**Perth & Kinross council**

Cllr Callum Gillies

**South Lanarkshire council**

Cllr Andrew Carmichael  
Cllr Margaret Cooper

**West Dunbartonshire council**

Cllr David McBride