



A directory of councils with elections on 5th May 2016

Elections will take place on Thursday May 5th 2016 for the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, the Greater London Authority (Mayor and Assembly) and for 128 local authorities in England.

Also on the same day will be Mayoral elections in Bristol, Liverpool and Salford.

This directory provides a profile of the councils being contested in May 2016, broken down into regions, with the number of councillors up for election and the current political control in each council.

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The 2016 elections: The council battlegrounds

Local elections will be held in 2016 on Thursday May 5th (the same day as the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, and Greater London Authority elections) in 128 local authorities in England and for the directly-elected mayors of Bristol, Liverpool and Salford.

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Of the 128 councils, 58 are Labour controlled, 42 have a Conservative majority, three are led by the Liberal Democrats, and 25 are under no overall control.

Eastern

Councils with elections: 25 Number of wards: 393

Labour-controlled councils: 5 Conservative: 10 No overall control: 10

Basildon

No overall control – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Brentwood

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Broxbourne

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Cambridge

Labour-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Castle Point

Conservative-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Colchester

No overall control – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Epping Forest

Conservative-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Great Yarmouth

No overall control – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Harlow

Labour-controlled – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

Hertsmere

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Huntingdonshire

Conservative-controlled – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

Ipswich

Labour-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Milton Keynes

No overall control – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

North Hertfordshire

Conservative-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Norwich

Labour-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Peterborough

No overall control – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Rochford

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

St Albans

Conservative-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

South Cambridgeshire

Conservative-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Southend

No overall control – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

Stevenage

Labour-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Three Rivers

No overall control – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Thurrock

No overall control – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Watford

No overall control – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

Welwyn Hatfield

No overall control – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

East Midlands

Councils with elections: 5 Number of wards: 72

Labour-controlled councils: 3 Conservative: 2

Amber Valley

Conservative-controlled – 15 seats (one-third) up for election

Bassetlaw

Labour-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Daventry

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Derby

Labour-controlled – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

Lincoln

Labour-controlled – 11 seats (one-third) up for election

Northern

Councils with elections: 8 Number of wards: 159

Labour-controlled councils: 7 Liberal Democrat: 1

Carlisle

Labour-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Gateshead

Labour-controlled – 22 seats (one-third) up for election

Hartlepool

Labour-controlled – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Labour-controlled – 26 seats (one-third) up for election

North Tyneside

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

South Lakeland

Liberal Democrat-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

South Tyneside

Labour-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Sunderland

Labour-controlled – 25 seats (one-third) up for election

North West

Councils with elections: 25 Number of wards: 499

Labour-controlled councils: 22 Conservative: 1 No overall control: 2

Blackburn-with-Darwen

Labour-controlled – 23 seats (one-third) up for election

Bolton

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Burnley

Labour-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Bury

Labour-controlled – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

Chorley

Labour-controlled – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

Halton

Labour-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Hyndburn

Labour-controlled – 11 seats (one-third) up for election

Knowsley

Labour-controlled – 22 seats (one-third) up for election

Liverpool

Labour-controlled – 30 seats (one-third) up for election

Manchester

Labour-controlled – 32 seats (one-third) up for election

Oldham

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Pendle

No overall control – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Preston

Labour-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Rochdale

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Rossendale

Labour-controlled – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

St Helens

Labour-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Salford

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Sefton

Labour-controlled – 23 seats (one-third) up for election

Stockport

No overall control – 21 seats (one-third) up for election

Tameside

Labour-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Trafford

Conservative-controlled – 21 seats (one-third) up for election

Warrington

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

West Lancashire

Labour-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Wigan

Labour-controlled – 25 seats (one-third) up for election

Wirral

Labour-controlled – 22 seats (one-third) up for election

South East

Councils with elections: 6 Number of wards: 91

Labour-controlled councils: 1 Conservative: 4 No overall control: 1

Adur

Conservative-controlled – 15 seats (one-half) up for election

Crawley

Conservative-controlled – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

Hastings

Labour- controlled – 16 seats (one-half) up for election

Maidstone

No overall control – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Tunbridge Wells

Conservative-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Worthing

Conservative-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Southern

Councils with elections: 22 Number of wards: 358

Labour-controlled councils: 4 Conservative: 16 Liberal Democrat: 1 No overall control: 1

Basingstoke and Deane

Conservative-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Cherwell

Conservative-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Eastleigh

Liberal Democrat-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Elmbridge

Conservative-controlled – 21 seats (one-third) up for election

Fareham

Conservative-controlled – 16 seats (one-half) up for election

Gosport

Conservative-controlled – 17 seats (one-half) up for election

Hart

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Havant

Conservative-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Mole Valley

Conservative-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Oxford

Labour-controlled – 24 seats (one-half) up for election

Portsmouth

No overall control – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Reading

Labour-controlled – 15 seats (one-third) up for election

Reigate and Banstead

Conservative-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Runnymede

Conservative-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Rushmoor

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Slough

Labour-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Southampton

Labour-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Tandridge

Conservative-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

West Oxfordshire

Conservative-controlled – 16 seats (one-third) up for election

Winchester

Conservative-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Woking

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Wokingham

Conservative-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

South West

Councils with elections: 8 Number of wards: 124

Labour-controlled councils: 1 Conservative: 2 Liberal Democrat: 1 No overall control: 4

Cheltenham

Liberal Democrat-controlled – 20 seats (one-half) up for election

Exeter

Labour-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Gloucester

Conservative-controlled – 15 seats (one-third) up for election

Plymouth

No overall control – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Purbeck

No overall control – 8 seats (one-third) up for election

Stroud

No overall control – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Swindon

Conservative-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election

Weymouth and Portland

No overall control – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

West Midlands

Councils with elections: 15 Number of wards: 282

Labour-controlled councils: 7 Conservative: 6 No overall control: 2

Birmingham

Labour-controlled – 40 seats (one-third) up for election

Cannock Chase

Labour-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Coventry

Labour-controlled – 18 seats (one-third) up for election

Dudley

Labour-controlled – 24 seats (one-third) up for election

Newcastle-under-Lyme

No overall control – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Labour-controlled – 17 seats (one-half) up for election

Rugby

Conservative-controlled – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

Sandwell

Labour-controlled – 24 seats (one-third) up for election

Solihull

Conservative-controlled – 17 seats (one-third) up for election

Stratford-on-Avon

Conservative-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Tamworth

Conservative-controlled – 10 seats (one-third) up for election

Walsall

No overall control – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Wolverhampton

Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election

Worcester

Conservative-controlled – 12 seats (one-third) up for election

Wyre Forest

Conservative-controlled – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

Yorkshire

Councils with elections: 13 Number of wards: 280

Labour-controlled councils: 8 Conservative: 1 No overall control: 4

Barnsley

Labour-controlled – 21 seats (one-third) up for election

Bradford

Labour-controlled – 30 seats (one-third) up for election
Calderdale
No overall control – 17 seats (one-third) up for election
Craven
No overall control – 10 seats (one-third) up for election
Doncaster
Labour-controlled – 21 seats (one-third) up for election
Harrogate
Conservative-controlled – 19 seats (one-third) up for election
Hull
Labour-controlled – 20 seats (one-third) up for election
Kirklees
No overall control – 24 seats (one-third) up for election
Leeds
Labour-controlled – 33 seats (one-third) up for election
North East Lincolnshire
No overall control – 15 seats (one-third) up for election
Rotherham
Labour-controlled – 21 seats (one-third) up for election
Sheffield
Labour-controlled – 28 seats (one-third) up for election
Wakefield
Labour-controlled – 21 seats (one-third) up for election