



# **A directory of the elections taking place in May 2022**

Local elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday May 5th 2022 for all 32 unitary councils in Scotland and the 22 single-tier authorities in Wales. In England, there are scheduled elections for all 32 London borough councils, 34 Metropolitan district councils, and 82 district councils.

Also on the same day there will be Mayoral elections in Watford and the London boroughs of Hackney, Lewisham, Newham and Tower Hamlets. The South Yorkshire Metro-Mayor position established in 2018 is also up for election in May 2022.

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

The local elections in Scotland, Wales, London and Birmingham – and Harrogate, Huntingdonshire, Newcastle-under-Lyme and South Cambridgeshire – are ‘all-up’ contests, with every councillor up for election, usually in multi-seat wards. Most other elections will be for one-third of the councillors in single-seat contests but some may be ‘all-up’ elections following ward boundary changes or council re-organisation.

Of the 202 councils holding elections next May 88 are currently Labour-led, with Labour holding an overall majority or the largest party in a coalition administration.

There are still ongoing boundary reviews and council re-organisations to be factored but a current estimate is that May 2022 will see 6,751 councillors elected in 3,949 wards, a bigger electoral test in terms of local council seats to be contested than in 2021.

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# The 2022 elections:

## The English councils

Below is a breakdown of the English councils which are being contested in May 2022, with the number of seats up for election in each council and the current political leadership of the council.

### Eastern

**Number of councils with elections: 24 Total number of seats up for election: 453 in 380 wards**  
*15 Conservative-led; 5 Labour-led; 4 Liberal Democrat-led*

#### **Basildon**

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

#### **Brentwood**

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

#### **Broxbourne**

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

#### **Cambridge**

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

#### **Castle Point**

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

#### **Colchester**

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

#### **Epping Forest**

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

#### **Great Yarmouth**

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

#### **Harlow**

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

#### **Huntingdonshire**

Conservative – 52 seats in all-up election

#### **Ipswich**

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

#### **Milton Keynes**

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

#### **North Hertfordshire**

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

#### **Norwich**

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

#### **Peterborough**

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

#### **Rochford**

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

#### **St Albans**

Liberal Democrat – 58 seats in all-up election

#### **South Cambridgeshire**

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

#### **Southend**

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

#### **Stevenage**

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

### **Three Rivers**

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

### **Thurrock**

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

### **Watford**

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

### **Welwyn Hatfield**

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

## **East Midlands**

**Number of councils with elections: 3 Total number of seats up for election: 43 in 43 wards**

*2 Conservative-led; 1 Labour-led*

### **Amber Valley**

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

### **Derby**

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

### **Lincoln**

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

## **London**

**Number of councils with elections: 32 Total number of seats up for election: 1,861 in 627 wards**

*7 Conservative-led; 21 Labour-led; 3 Liberal Democrat-led*

### **Barking and Dagenham**

Labour – elections for all 51 councillors in 17 wards

### **Barnet**

Conservative – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Bexley**

Conservative – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Brent**

Labour – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Bromley**

Conservative – elections for all 60 councillors in 22 wards

### **Camden**

Labour – elections for all 54 councillors in 18 wards

### **Croydon**

Labour – elections for all 70 councillors in 24 wards

### **Ealing**

Labour – elections for all 69 councillors in 23 wards

### **Enfield**

Labour – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Greenwich**

Labour – elections for all 51 councillors in 17 wards

### **Hackney**

Labour – elections for all 57 councillors in 19 wards

### **Hammersmith and Fulham**

Labour – elections for all 46 councillors in 16 wards

### **Haringey**

Labour – elections for all 57 councillors in 19 wards

### **Harrow**

Labour – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Havering**

Conservative – elections for all 54 councillors in 18 wards

### **Hillingdon**

Conservative – elections for all 65 councillors in 22 wards

### **Hounslow**

Labour – elections for all 60 councillors in 20 wards

### **Islington**

Labour – elections for all 48 councillors in 16 wards

### **Kensington and Chelsea**

Conservative – elections for all 54 councillors in 18 wards

### **Kingston**

Liberal Democrat – elections for all 48 councillors in 16 wards

### **Lambeth**

Labour – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Lewisham**

Labour – elections for all 54 councillors in 18 wards

### **Merton**

Labour – elections for all 60 councillors in 20 wards

### **Newham**

Labour – elections for all 60 councillors in 20 wards

### **Redbridge**

Labour – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Richmond**

Liberal Democrat – elections for all 54 councillors in 18 wards

### **Southwark**

Labour – elections for all 63 councillors in 21 wards

### **Sutton**

Liberal Democrat – elections for all 54 councillors in 18 wards

### **Tower Hamlets**

Labour – elections for all 51 councillors in 17 wards

### **Waltham Forest**

Labour – elections for all 60 councillors in 20 wards

### **Wandsworth**

Conservative – elections for all 60 councillors in 20 wards

### **Westminster**

Conservative – elections for all 60 councillors in 20 wards

## **Northern**

**Number of councils with elections: 7    Total number of seats up for election: 174 in 140 wards**

*6 Labour-led; 1 Liberal Democrat-led*

### **Gateshead**

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

### **Hartlepool**

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

### **Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

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

### **North Tyneside**

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

### **South Lakeland**

Liberal Democrat – 51 seats in all-up elections

### **South Tyneside**

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

### **Sunderland**

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

## **North West**

**Number of councils with elections: 24    Total number of seats up for election: 479 in 479 wards**

*3 Conservative-led; 21 Labour-led*

### **Blackburn-with-Darwen**

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

### **Bolton**

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

### **Burnley**

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

### **Bury**

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

### **Chorley**

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

### **Halton**

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

**Hyndburn**

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

**Knowsley**

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

**Liverpool**

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

**Manchester**

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

**Oldham**

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

**Pendle**

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

**Preston**

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

**Rochdale**

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

**Rossendale**

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

**St Helens**

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

**Salford**

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

**Sefton**

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

**Stockport**

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

**Tameside**

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

**Trafford**

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

**West Lancashire**

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

**Wigan**

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

**Wirral**

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

## South East

**Number of councils with elections: 28 Total number of seats up for election: 477 in 431 wards**

*20 Conservative-led; 4 Labour-led; 4 Liberal Democrat-led*

**Adur**

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

**Basingstoke and Deane**

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

**Cherwell**

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

**Crawley**

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

**Eastleigh**

Liberal Democrat – 44 seats in all-up elections

**Elmbridge**

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

**Fareham**

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

**Gosport**

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

**Hart**

Liberal Democrat – 13 seats (one-third) up for election

**Hastings**

Labour – 32 seats in all-up elections

**Havant**

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

**Maidstone**

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

**Mole Valley**

Liberal Democrat – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

**Oxford**

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

**Portsmouth**

Liberal Democrat – 14 seats (one-third) up for election

**Reading**

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

**Reigate and Banstead**

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

**Runnymede**

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

**Rushmoor**

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

**Slough**

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

**Southampton**

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

**Tandridge**

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

**Tunbridge Wells**

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

**West Oxfordshire**

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

**Winchester**

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

**Woking**

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

**Wokingham**

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

**Worthing**

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

## South West

**Number of councils with elections: 5 Total number of seats up for election: 85 in 85 wards**

*2 Conservative-led; 2 Labour-led; 1 Liberal Democrat-led*

**Cheltenham**

Liberal Democrat – 22 seats (one-half) up for election

**Exeter**

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

**Plymouth**

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

**Swindon**

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

**Weymouth and Portland**

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

## West Midlands

**Number of councils with elections: 15 Total number of seats up for election: 377 in 292 wards**

*11 Conservative-led; 4 Labour-led*

**Birmingham**

Labour – 101 seats in all-up elections

**Cannock Chase**

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

**Coventry**

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

**Dudley**

Conservative – 24 seats (one-third) up for election

**Newcastle-under-Lyme**

Conservative – 44 seats in all-up elections

**Nuneaton and Bedworth**

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

**Redditch**

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

**Rugby**

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

**Sandwell**

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

**Solihull**

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

**Tamworth**

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

**Walsall**

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

**Wolverhampton**

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

**Worcester**

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

**Wyre Forest**

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

## Yorkshire

**Number of councils with elections: 11    Total number of seats up for election: 321 in 238 wards**

*3 Conservative-led; 8 Labour-led*

**Barnsley**

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

**Bradford**

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

**Calderdale**

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

**Craven**

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

**Harrogate**

Conservative – 40 seats in all-up elections

**Hull**

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

**Kirklees**

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

**Leeds**

Labour – 96 seats in all-up elections

**North East Lincolnshire**

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

**Sheffield**

Labour – 28 seats (one-third) up for election

**Wakefield**

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





# The 2022 elections: The Scottish council contests

Below is a breakdown of the Scottish unitary authorities, all of which are being contested in May 2022 in all-up elections, with the number of seats up for election in each 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. Every authority bar those in Na h-Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland is under no overall control so the current political leadership of the council is listed in terms of who leads the minority administration.

There are 32 councils with elections this year, electing 1,227 councillors in 381 wards.

## **Aberdeen**

Con-Lab led – 45 councillors in 13 wards

## **Aberdeenshire**

Con-Lib Dem led – 70 councillors in 19 wards

## **Angus**

Con-Lib Dem led – 28 councillors in 8 wards

## **Argyll & Bute**

Con-Lib Dem led – 36 councillors in 11 wards

## **Clackmannanshire**

SNP led – 18 councillors in 5 wards

## **Dumfries & Galloway**

SNP-Lab led – 43 councillors in 13 wards

## **Dundee**

SNP led – 29 councillors in 8 wards

## **East Ayrshire**

SNP led – 32 councillors in 9 wards

## **East Dunbartonshire**

Con-Lib Dem led – 22 councillors in 8 wards

## **East Lothian**

Labour led – 22 councillors in 7 wards

## **East Renfrewshire**

SNP-Lab led – 18 councillors in 6 wards

## **Edinburgh**

SNP-Lab led – 63 councillors in 17 wards

## **Falkirk**

SNP led – 30 councillors in 9 wards

## **Fife**

SNP-Lab led – 75 councillors in 23 wards

## **Glasgow**

SNP led – 85 councillors in 21 wards

## **Highland**

Lib Dem-Independent led – 74 councillors in 22 wards

**Inverclyde**

Lab led – 22 councillors in 6 wards

**Midlothian**

Lab led – 18 councillors in 6 wards

**Moray**

SNP led – 26 councillors in 8 wards

**Na h-Eilean Siar (Outer Hebrides)**

Independent controlled – 31 councillors in 9 wards

**North Ayrshire**

Lab led – 33 councillors in 8 wards

**North Lanarkshire**

Lab led – 77 councillors in 20 wards

**Orkney**

Independent-controlled – 21 councillors in 6 wards

**Perth & Kinross**

Con led – 40 councillors in 12 wards

**Renfrewshire**

SNP led – 43 councillors in 11 wards

**Scottish Borders**

Con led – 34 councillors in 11 wards

**Shetland Islands**

Independent-controlled – 22 councillors in 7 wards

**South Ayrshire**

SNP-Lab led – 28 councillors in 8 wards

**South Lanarkshire**

SNP led – 64 councillors in 20 wards

**Stirling**

SNP-Lab led – 23 councillors in 7 wards

**West Dunbartonshire**

SNP led – 22 councillors in 6 wards

**West Lothian**

Lab led – 33 councillors in 9 wards



## The 2022 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 1,254 councillors in 853 wards. Labour, with around 460 councillors, controls ten of the 22 councils.

### **Blaenau Gwent**

Independent-controlled – 42 seats in 16 wards

### **Bridgend**

Labour-controlled – 42 seats in 39 wards

### **Caerphilly**

Labour-controlled – 73 seats in 33 wards

### **Cardiff**

Labour-controlled – 75 seats in 29 wards

### **Carmarthenshire**

Plaid Cymru-led – 74 seats in 58 wards

### **Ceredigion**

Plaid Cymru-led – 42 seats in 40 wards

### **Conwy**

No overall control – 59 seats in 38 wards

### **Denbighshire**

No overall control – 47 seats in 30 wards

### **Flintshire**

Labour-controlled – 70 seats in 57 wards

### **Gwynedd**

Plaid Cymru-led – 75 seats in 71 wards

### **Isle of Anglesey**

No overall control – 30 seats in 11 wards

### **Merthyr Tydfil**

No overall control – 33 seats in 11 wards

### **Monmouthshire**

Conservative-controlled – 43 seats in 43 wards

### **Neath Port Talbot**

Labour-controlled – 64 seats in 42 wards

### **Newport**

Labour-controlled – 50 seats in 20 wards

### **Pembrokeshire**

No overall control – 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**

Labour-controlled – 47 seats in 23 wards

**Wrexham**

No overall control – 52 seats in 47 wards