



2023 Local Elections

An Overview
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Annual Local Elections - Introduction

An important part of the Oscar world is our political data. Namely our live database of all national, regional and locally elected representatives, their roles and responsibilities and the organisations and areas they represent. Each year sees a proportion of council seats facing election as well as periodical Mayoral and PCC elections. This document provides an annual record and analysis of the level of changes and the election outcomes.

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Annual Local Elections - Annual Update Methodology and Processes

Stage 1 - March:

Identifying and updating the database with all the ward and electoral division changes in anticipation of the elections.

Stage 2 - May:

The day after the election is held we begin updating all the postholders. Linking them to the correct wards, adding gender and political affiliation and adding the next election dates to each elected member. The completion of this stage typically takes 3 weeks, though can be quicker in quieter election years. The result is a complete set of newly and re-elected members.

Stage 3 - June - August:

Following the Council AGM's we then make the following updates:

- Identification of Leaders (and any related Council Control Changes)
- Update and addition of all Cabinet and Committee Responsibilities as well as other leadership categories.
- Following official publication, updating the geographical ward and electoral division codes following the boundary changes.

Stage 4 - August - May:

Following the update to the election councils, we then request updates and confirmation for all the postholders across non election councils. Beyond which we are constantly monitoring - and receiving updates ahead of time from some of our Government partners - for resignations and structural changes and update / reflect by-elections as they happen.

Annual Local Elections - Summary of Elections and Changes for 2023

Summary:

This is the largest of the 4 / 5 year local election cycle. The following details the scope of the elections for 2023:

Election Councils by Type:

Number of Seats by Region:

Region	Count of Seats
East Midlands	1273
Eastern	1287
London	23
North East	316
North West	1026
Northern Ireland	461
South East	1823
South West	803
West Midlands	819
Yorkshire and Humber	371
Total	8202

Type of Council	Council Count
GLA/City of London Corporation	2
District Council (Northern Ireland)	11
English Non-Metropolitan District	150
English Unitary Authority	47
Metropolitan Council (England)	31
Total	241

Boundary/Ward Changes:

41 Councils have Boundary Changes

Ward Changes	Count
Deleted	546
Updated	456
New	489
Total	1491

Other Local Elections :

This year Mayor elections are also happening in the following:

Organisations having Mayoral Elections
Bedford Borough Council
Leicester City Council
Mansfield District Council
Middlesbrough Council

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Political Change across Election Seats for Main Parties*

Party	Seats Pre-Election	Seats Post Election	% Change
Conservative	3359	2296	-31.65%
Labour	2138	2675	25.12%
Liberal Democrats	1221	1628	33.33%
GreenParty	240	481	100.42%
Independent	954	865	-9.33%

Effect of Local Election outcomes on Gender across all Local Govt seats

Gender	Seats Pre-Election	Seats Post Election	% Change
Male	12247	12176	-0.58%
Female	6980	7055	1.07%

Level of Churn/Postholder Change

Re-Elected	Newly Elected	% of New Councillors
4267	3474	44.88%

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Political Landscape Post elections 2023 vs 2022

(note: this doesn't factor in Local Govt 2023 re-organisation and represents total seat change over 12 months)

Party	Post 2023 Elections	Post 2022 Elections	Change
Conservative	5689	7168	-1479
Green Party	783	599	184
Independent	1720	1956	-236
Labour	5735	5417	318
Liberal Democrat	2982	2757	225
Residents Association/Ratepayer	206	243	-37
Labour and Co-operative	788	674	114

Number of Councils by Control Post 2023 Elections

Council Control	Council Count
No Overall Control Council	141
Labour Council	108
Conservative Council	82
Liberal Democrat Council	37
Independent Council	5
Plaid Cymru	4
Residents Assoc/Ratepayer Council	3
Non Political Council	2
Green Control Council	1
Scottish National Party	1



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