

LOCAL ELECTION PREDICTIONS MAY 2007

Super Thursday: 3 May 2007

- ✓ Elections in all Scottish authorities under new PR system. No elections in Wales.
- ✓ Elections in all Metropolitan Boroughs in England outside London.
- ✓ Elections in most other English authorities.

David Boothroyd our psephologist (election guru) and his team have once again published their predictions for this year's local elections – last year we out smarted our rivals by giving the most reliable published election predictions. Reliability ratings for correctly predicted majorities in the London Boroughs in 2006:

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Prof. Tony Travers † 62%

Peter Golds OBE * 62%

† Predictions given March 2006. * Predictions given December 2005.

ENGLISH ELECTIONS: PREDICTED CHANGES OF CONTROL SUMMARY

Conservative gain	Conservative lose to NOC	Lab gain	Lab lose to NOC	L Dem gain	Lib Dem lose to NOC
Berwick-u.-Tweed Braintree Brighton and Hove Canterbury Crawley Dartford Dover Gravesham Mid Suffolk North Dorset North Kesteven Rugby South Derbyshire	Surrey Heath Thurrock West Dorset	Derby Hyndburn Mansfield (mayor)	Barnsley Blackpool Corby Middlesbrough North West Leics. Oldham Plymouth	Bristol East Cambridgeshire Harborough Mid Sussex North Wiltshire South Glocs. Waverley Woking	City of Durham

Local Authority	Type of election in May 2007	Current overall control	Predicted
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCILS			
Greater Manchester			
Bolton	3rds	NOC	No change
Bury	3rds	NOC	No change
Manchester	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Oldham	3rds	Lab	Lose to NOC
Rochdale	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Salford	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Stockport	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Tameside	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Trafford	3rds	C	C hold
Wigan	3rds	Lab	Lab hold

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Merseyside			
Knowsley	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Liverpool	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
St Helens	3rds	NOC	No change
Sefton	3rds	NOC	No change
Wirral	3rds	NOC	No change
Tyne and Wear			
Gateshead	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
North Tyneside M	3rds	NOC	No change (Lab mayor not up)
South Tyneside	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Sunderland	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
West Midlands			
Birmingham	3rds	NOC	No change (C/L Dem coalition)
Coventry	3rds	C	C hold
Dudley	3rds	C	C hold
Sandwell	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Solihull	3rds	C	C hold
Walsall	3rds	C	C hold
Wolverhampton	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
South Yorkshire			
Barnsley	3rds	Lab	Lose to NOC
Doncaster M	3rds	NOC	No change (Lab mayor not up)
Rotherham	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Sheffield	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
West Yorkshire			
Bradford	3rds	NOC	No change (min Con)
Calderdale	3rds	NOC	No change (min Con)
Kirklees	3rds	NOC	No change
Leeds	3rds	NOC	No change
Wakefield	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
English Unitary councils			
Bath and NE Somerset	All	NOC	No change
Blackburn with Darwen	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Blackpool	All	Lab	Lose to NOC
Bournemouth	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Bracknell Forest	All	C	C hold
Brighton and Hove	All	NOC	C gain
Bristol	3rds	NOC	L Dem gain
Darlington	All	Lab	Lab hold
Derby	3rds	NOC	Lab gain
East Riding of Yorkshire	All	NOC	No change
Halton	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Hartlepool M	3rds	Lab	Lab hold (Ind mayor not up)
Herefordshire	All	NOC	No change
Kingston-upon-Hull	3rds	NOC	No change
Leicester	3rds	NOC	No change
Luton	All	NOC	No change
Medway	All	C	C hold
Middlesbrough M	All	Lab	Lose to NOC

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	Mayor	Ind	Ind hold
Milton Keynes	3rds	NOC	No change
North East Lincolnshire	3rds	NOC	No change (L Dem/C)
North Lincolnshire	All	C	C hold
North Somerset	All	NOC	No change
Nottingham	All	Lab	Lab hold
Peterborough	3rds	C	C hold
Plymouth	3rds	Lab	Lose to NOC
Poole	All	C	C hold
Portsmouth	3rds	NOC	No change (min LD)
Reading	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Redcar and Cleveland	All	NOC	No change
Rutland	All	C	C hold
Slough	3rds	NOC	No change (BILLD/C)
South Gloucestershire	All	NOC	L Dem gain
Southampton	3rds	NOC	No change (Lab/L Dem)
Southend-on-Sea	3rds	C	C hold
Stockton-on-Tees	All	NOC	No change
Stoke-on-Trent M	3rds	Lab	Lab hold (Lab mayor not up)
Swindon	3rds	C	C hold
Telford and Wrekin	All	NOC	No change
Thurrock	3rds	C	Lose to NOC
Torbay M	All	L Dem	L Dem hold (C mayor not up)
Warrington	3rds	NOC	No change
West Berkshire	All	C	C hold
Windsor and Maidenhead	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Wokingham	3rds	C	C hold
City of York	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
ENGLISH SHIRE COUNCILS			
Bedfordshire			
Bedford M	3rds	NOC	No change
	Mayor	Ind	Ind hold
Mid Bedfordshire	All	C	C hold
South Bedfordshire	3rds	C	C hold
Buckinghamshire			
Aylesbury Vale	All	C	C hold
Chiltern	All	C	C hold
South Bucks	All	C	C hold
Wycombe	All	C	C hold
Cambridgeshire			
Cambridge	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
East Cambridgeshire	All	NOC	L Dem gain
Fenland	All	C	C hold
Huntingdonshire	3rds	C	C hold
South Cambridgeshire	3rds	NOC	No change
Cheshire			
Chester	3rds	NOC	No change
Congleton	3rds	C	C hold
Crewe and Nantwich	3rds	NOC	No change (C/Ind)

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Ellesmere Port & Neston	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Macclesfield	3rds	C	C hold
Vale Royal	All	NOC	No change
Cornwall			
Caradon	All	NOC	No change
Carrick	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Kerrier	All	Ind	No change
North Cornwall	All	Ind	No change
Penwith	3rds	NOC	No change
Restormel	All	NOC	No change
Cumbria			
Allerdale	All	NOC	No change
Barrow-in-Furness	3rds	NOC	No change
Carlisle	3rds	NOC	No change
Copeland	All	Lab	Lab hold
Eden	All	Ind	No change
South Lakeland	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Derbyshire			
Amber Valley	3rds	C	C hold
Bolsover	All	Lab	Lab hold
Chesterfield	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Derbyshire Dales	All	C	C hold
Erewash	All	C	C hold
High Peak	All	NOC	No change
North East Derbyshire	All	Lab	Lab hold
South Derbyshire	All	Lab	C gain
Devon			
East Devon	All	C	C hold
Exeter	3rds	NOC	No change
Mid Devon	All	NOC	No change
North Devon	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
South Hams	All	C	C hold
Teignbridge	All	NOC	No change
Torrige	All	Ind	No change
West Devon	All	NOC	No change
Dorset			
Christchurch	All	C	C hold
East Dorset	All	C	C hold
North Dorset	All	NOC	C gain
Purbeck	3rds	C	C hold
West Dorset	All	C	Lose to NOC
Weymouth and Portland	3rds	NOC	No change
Durham			
Chester-le-Street	All	Lab	Lab hold
Derwentside	All	Lab	Lab hold
City of Durham	All	L Dem	Lose to NOC
Easington	All	Lab	Lab hold
Sedgefield	All	Lab	Lab hold
Teesdale	All	Ind	No change

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Wear Valley	All	Lab	Lab hold
Essex			
Basildon	3rds	C	C hold
Braintree	All	NOC	C gain
Brentwood	3rds	C	C hold
Castle Point	All	C	C hold
Chelmsford	All	C	C hold
Colchester	3rds	C	C hold
Epping Forest	3rds	C	C hold
Harlow	3rds	NOC	No change (Lab/L Dem)
Maldon	All	C	C hold
Rochford	3rds	C	C hold
Tendring	All	NOC	No change
Uttlesford	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Gloucestershire			
Cotswold	All	C	C hold
Forest of Dean	All	NOC	No change
Gloucester	3rds	NOC	No change
Stroud	3rds	C	C hold
Tewkesbury	All	NOC	No change
Hampshire			
Basingstoke and Deane	3rds	C	C hold
East Hampshire	All	C	C hold
Eastleigh	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Hart	3rds	NOC	No change (L Dem/Ind)
Havant	3rds	C	C hold
New Forest	All	C	C hold
Rushmoor	3rds	C	C hold
Test Valley	All	C	C hold
Winchester	3rds	C	C hold
Hertfordshire			
Broxbourne	3rds	C	C hold
Dacorum	All	C	C hold
East Hertfordshire	All	C	C hold
Hertsmere	3rds	C	C hold
North Hertfordshire	3rds	C	C hold
St Albans	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Stevenage	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
Three Rivers	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Watford M	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold (L Dem mayor not up)
Welwyn Hatfield	3rds	C	C hold
Kent			
Ashford	All	C	C hold
Canterbury	All	NOC	C gain
Dartford	All	NOC	C gain
Dover	All	NOC	C gain
Gravesham	All	Lab	C gain
Maidstone	3rds	NOC	No change (min Con)
Sevenoaks	All	C	C hold
Shepway	All	L Dem	L Dem hold

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Swale	3rds	C	C hold
Thanet	All	C	C hold
Tonbridge and Malling	All	C	C hold
Tunbridge Wells	3rds	C	C hold
Lancashire			
Burnley	3rds	NOC	No change (L Dem/C)
Chorley	3rds	C	C hold
Fylde	All	C	C hold
Hyndburn	3rds	C	Lab gain
Lancaster	All	NOC	No change
Pendle	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Preston	3rds	NOC	No change
Ribble Valley	All	C	C hold
Rossendale	3rds	C	C hold
South Ribble	All	NOC	No change
West Lancashire	3rds	C	C hold
Wyre	All	C	C hold
Leicestershire			
Blaby	All	C	C hold
Charnwood	All	NOC	No change
Harborough	All	NOC	L Dem gain
Hinckley and Bosworth	All	C	C hold
Melton	All	C	C hold
NW Leicestershire	All	Lab	Lose to NOC
Oadby and Wigston	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Lincolnshire			
Boston	All	NOC	No change
East Lindsey	All	NOC	No change
Lincoln	3rds	Lab	Lab hold
North Kesteven	All	NOC	C gain
South Holland	All	C	C hold
South Kesteven	All	C	C hold
West Lindsey	3rds	L Dem	L Dem hold
Norfolk			
Breckland	All	C	C hold
Broadland	3rds	C	C hold
Great Yarmouth	3rds	C	C hold
King's Lynn & W Norfolk	All	C	C hold
North Norfolk	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Norwich	3rds	NOC	No change (min Lab)
South Norfolk	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Northamptonshire			
Corby	All	Lab	Lose to NOC
Daventry	3rds	C	C hold
East Northamptonshire	All	C	C hold
Kettering	All	C	C hold
Northampton	All	NOC	No change
South Northamptonshire	All	C	C hold
Wellingborough	All	C	C hold

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Northumberland			
Alnwick	All	NOC	No change
Berwick-upon-Tweed	All	NOC	C gain
Blyth Valley	All	Lab	Lab hold
Castle Morpeth	All	NOC	No change
Tynedale	All	C	C hold
Wansbeck	All	Lab	Lab hold
Nottinghamshire			
Ashfield	All	Lab	Lab hold
Bassetlaw	3rds	C	C hold
Broxtowe	All	NOC	No change
Gedling	All	NOC	No change
Mansfield M	All	Ind	No change
	Mayor	Ind	Lab gain
Newark and Sherwood	All	C	C hold
Rushcliffe	All	C	C hold
Oxfordshire			
Cherwell	3rds	C	C hold
South Oxfordshire	All	C	C hold
Vale of White Horse	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
West Oxfordshire	3rds	C	C hold
Shropshire			
Bridgnorth	All	NOC	No change
North Shropshire	All	NOC	No change
Oswestry	All	NOC	No change
Shrewsbury and Atcham	3rds	C	C hold
South Shropshire	All	NOC	No change
Somerset			
Mendip	All	C	C hold
Sedgemoor	All	C	C hold
South Somerset	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Taunton Deane	All	C	C hold
West Somerset	All	C	C hold
Staffordshire			
Cannock Chase	3rds	NOC	No change (L Dem/C)
East Staffordshire	All	C	C hold
Lichfield	All	C	C hold
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3rds	NOC	No change (min Lab)
South Staffordshire	All	C	C hold
Stafford	All	C	C hold
Staffordshire Moorlands	All	NOC	No change
Tamworth	3rds	C	C hold
Suffolk			
Babergh	All	NOC	No change
Forest Heath	All	C	C hold
Ipswich	3rds	NOC	No change (C/L Dem)
Mid Suffolk	All	NOC	C gain

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St Edmundsbury	All	C	C hold
Suffolk Coastal	All	C	C hold
Waveney	3rds	C	C hold
Surrey			
Elmbridge	3rds	NOC	No change (min Con)
Epsom and Ewell	All	RA	RA hold
Guildford	All	C	C hold
Mole Valley	3rds	C	C hold
Reigate and Banstead	3rds	C	C hold
Runnymede	3rds	C	C hold
Spelthorne	All	C	C hold
Surrey Heath	All	C	Lose to NOC
Tandridge	3rds	C	C hold
Waverley	All	NOC	L Dem gain
Woking	All	NOC	L Dem gain
East Sussex			
Eastbourne	3rds	C	C hold
Lewes	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Rother	All	C	C hold
Wealden	All	C	C hold
West Sussex			
Arun	All	C	C hold
Chichester	All	C	C hold
Crawley	3rds	NOC	C gain
Horsham	All	C	C hold
Mid Sussex	All	C	L Dem gain
Worthing	3rds	C	C hold
Warwickshire			
North Warwickshire	All	NOC	No change
Rugby	3rds	NOC	C gain
Stratford-on-Avon	3rds	C	C hold
Warwick	All	NOC	No change
Wiltshire			
Kennet	All	C	C hold
North Wiltshire	All	NOC	L Dem gain
Salisbury	All	C	C hold
West Wiltshire	All	NOC	No change
Worcestershire			
Bromsgrove	All	C	C hold
Malvern Hills	All	L Dem	L Dem hold
Redditch	3rds	NOC	No change
Worcester	3rds	C	C hold
Wychavon	All	C	C hold
Wyre Forest	3rds	NOC	No change
North Yorkshire			
Craven	3rds	NOC	No change
Hambleton	All	C	C hold
Harrogate	3rds	NOC	No change

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Richmondshire	All	NOC	No change
Ryedale	All	NOC	No change
Scarborough	All	C	C hold
Selby	All	C	C hold

SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

In Scotland, the electoral system is changing. They are moving to a form a proportional representation (called single transferable vote) at these elections. This means that making comparisons with previous elections is difficult. It also means that few councils will have an overall control from one party.

Local Authority	Prediction	Largest single party
Aberdeen	NOC	L Dem
Aberdeenshire	NOC	SNP
Angus	SNP	
Argyll and Bute	Ind	
Clackmannanshire	SNP	
Dumfries and Galloway	NOC	C
Dundee	NOC	SNP
East Ayrshire	NOC	Lab
East Dunbartonshire	NOC	L Dem
East Lothian	NOC	Lab
East Renfrewshire	NOC	Lab
na h-Eileanan Siar	Ind	
Edinburgh	NOC	L Dem
Falkirk	NOC	SNP
Fife	NOC	Lab
Glasgow	NOC	Lab
Highland	Ind	
Inverclyde	L Dem	
Midlothian	Lab	
Moray	Ind	
North Ayrshire	NOC	Lab
North Lanarkshire	Lab	
Orkney	Ind	
Perth and Kinross	NOC	SNP
Renfrewshire	NOC	SNP
Scottish Borders	NOC	Ind
Shetland	Ind	
South Ayrshire	NOC	C
South Lanarkshire	NOC	Lab
Stirling	NOC	Lab
West Dunbartonshire	NOC	Lab
West Lothian	NOC	SNP



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