

BBC 5Live – Local Authority Cuts Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 1,004 British adults aged 18+ by telephone from 12–14th February 2016. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 1

Q1. Government funding for local councils in England and Wales is set to be cut over the next few years. Given this, which of the following areas do you think your local council should be cutting spending on?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Class				Region											
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Eng-land & Wales
Unweighted base	1004	515	489	85	153	167	177	158	264	411	191	153	249	100	46	121	82	84	70	50	94	138	135	84	904
Weighted base	1004	489	515	117	174	165	179	145	225	270	270	219	245	87	42	115	85	90	74	51	97	132	140	88	917
Public administration like elections and council websites	624 62%	285 58%	340 66%	66 57%	117 67%	107 65%	121 68%	97 67%	116 51%	167 62%	183 68%	139 63%	136 55%	59 68%	26 63%	76 66%	49 58%	59 66%	50 68%	33 65%	66 67%	71 54%	85 61%	48 54%	565 62%
Culture and leisure	355 35%	166 34%	189 37%	38 33%	59 34%	64 39%	67 37%	43 30%	83 37%	97 36%	93 35%	81 37%	84 34%	34 39%	20 48%	34 30%	26 30%	35 39%	40 54%	15 29%	32 33%	45 34%	37 26%	37 42%	321 35%
Roads and planning	190 19%	85 17%	104 20%	26 23%	44 25%	33 20%	31 17%	19 13%	37 16%	63 23%	44 16%	38 17%	44 18%	14 16%	9 21%	20 17%	13 15%	22 24%	14 19%	8 15%	16 16%	29 22%	23 17%	22 25%	175 19%
Housing	163 16%	82 17%	81 16%	18 15%	37 21%	26 16%	29 16%	18 13%	34 15%	43 16%	41 15%	40 18%	40 16%	10 11%	7 16%	18 16%	8 9%	17 19%	9 12%	10 20%	14 14%	18 13%	29 20%	23 27%	153 17%
Waste collection	115 11%	66 13%	49 10%	12 11%	27 16%	26 16%	19 11%	8 6%	22 10%	43 16%	33 12%	21 10%	18 7%	14 16%	8 19%	11 9%	9 11%	9 10%	12 16%	7 14%	6 6%	19 14%	16 12%	3 4%	101 11%
Community safety	111 11%	76 16%	35 7%	23 20%	16 9%	14 8%	17 9%	15 10%	26 11%	35 13%	32 12%	17 8%	26 11%	9 10%	2 5%	13 11%	12 14%	8 9%	13 18%	9 17%	5 5%	17 13%	15 11%	8 9%	102 11%
Children's services	80 8%	49 10%	32 6%	14 12%	14 8%	15 9%	9 5%	8 5%	20 9%	17 6%	15 6%	21 10%	26 11%	5 6%	1 3%	5 4%	11 13%	8 9%	1 2%	2 4%	6 6%	19 14%	18 13%	3 4%	75 8%
Care services for the elderly or disabled	66 7%	37 7%	29 6%	8 7%	11 7%	15 9%	9 5%	5 4%	16 7%	16 6%	13 5%	16 7%	21 8%	2 2%	1 3%	4 4%	8 10%	5 5%	3 4%	1 1%	4 4%	19 14%	11 8%	7 8%	63 7%
Don't know	146 15%	74 15%	72 14%	11 10%	24 14%	16 10%	27 15%	23 16%	45 20%	34 12%	38 14%	32 14%	43 17%	15 17%	4 8%	15 13%	24 28%	11 12%	10 14%	7 14%	16 16%	18 14%	17 12%	9 11%	131 14%

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Table 2
Q2. And which of these areas do you think your local council should avoid cutting as far as possible?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Class				Region											
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Eng-land & Wales
Unweighted base	1004	515	489	85	153	167	177	158	264	411	191	153	249	100	46	121	82	84	70	50	94	138	135	84	904
Weighted base	1004	489	515	117	174	165	179	145	225	270	270	219	245	87	42	115	85	90	74	51	97	132	140	88	917
Care services for the elderly or disabled	737 73%	341 70%	396 77%	80 69%	126 73%	121 74%	143 80%	103 71%	163 72%	201 75%	210 78%	159 73%	168 68%	63 72%	30 72%	88 76%	65 76%	74 82%	60 81%	34 66%	69 71%	88 67%	92 66%	74 84%	674 74%
Children's services	655 65%	298 61%	356 69%	72 62%	121 69%	112 68%	127 71%	88 61%	136 60%	185 68%	177 66%	145 66%	148 60%	56 64%	24 58%	75 65%	54 63%	69 77%	55 74%	31 60%	65 66%	78 59%	78 55%	71 80%	599 65%
Housing	297 30%	147 30%	150 29%	39 34%	59 34%	57 34%	46 26%	32 22%	63 28%	82 30%	78 29%	59 27%	77 31%	27 30%	12 28%	28 24%	22 26%	25 27%	20 27%	14 27%	25 26%	52 39%	39 28%	34 39%	270 29%
Community safety	237 24%	108 22%	129 25%	33 28%	59 34%	43 26%	34 19%	37 25%	30 13%	60 22%	66 24%	57 26%	54 22%	22 25%	9 20%	28 24%	17 19%	19 21%	18 25%	13 26%	22 23%	35 27%	39 28%	15 18%	215 23%
Roads and planning	208 21%	123 25%	84 16%	26 22%	37 22%	36 22%	37 21%	29 20%	43 19%	56 21%	57 21%	49 22%	46 19%	17 19%	11 25%	27 24%	12 14%	16 18%	19 26%	12 23%	20 21%	30 23%	32 23%	11 12%	191 21%
Waste collection	185 18%	91 19%	95 18%	21 18%	29 17%	21 13%	32 18%	27 18%	55 24%	48 18%	49 18%	39 18%	48 20%	12 14%	4 9%	20 17%	21 25%	15 16%	11 14%	10 20%	17 18%	28 21%	30 22%	17 19%	173 19%
Culture and leisure	116 12%	54 11%	62 12%	17 15%	19 11%	28 17%	18 10%	8 6%	25 11%	36 13%	34 13%	16 8%	29 12%	9 11%	4 9%	11 10%	14 16%	11 12%	8 10%	6 12%	9 9%	20 15%	17 12%	7 7%	106 12%
Public administration like elections and council websites	66 7%	34 7%	31 6%	11 10%	7 4%	10 6%	8 4%	10 7%	20 9%	17 6%	13 5%	13 6%	23 9%	5 6%	4 9%	9 8%	5 6%	4 4%	6 7%	4 8%	6 7%	11 8%	11 8%	1 2%	61 7%
Don't know	64 6%	36 7%	28 5%	5 5%	12 7%	6 3%	13 7%	15 11%	13 6%	16 6%	16 6%	12 6%	20 8%	11 13%	4 11%	7 6%	5 6%	1 1%	2 3%	5 9%	10 10%	7 5%	9 6%	2 3%	53 6%

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Table 3

Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local authority should increase council tax to help care home workers to be paid the living wage?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age							Class				Region										NET: Eng- land & Wales	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot- land	North East	North West	York- shire & Hum- ber- side	West Mid- lands	East Mid- lands	Wales	East- ern	London	South East		South West
Unweighted base	1004	515	489	85	153	167	177	158	264	411	191	153	249	100	46	121	82	84	70	50	94	138	135	84	904
Weighted base	1004	489	515	117	174	165	179	145	225	270	270	219	245	87	42	115	85	90	74	51	97	132	140	88	917
NET: Agree	717	343	374	88	111	113	117	115	173	202	196	143	176	67	30	79	61	62	68	37	66	87	95	66	650
	71%	70%	73%	76%	64%	69%	66%	80%	77%	75%	73%	66%	72%	77%	71%	68%	72%	68%	92%	72%	67%	66%	68%	75%	71%
Strongly agree	(4) 297	145	152	39	34	39	42	57	86	93	75	53	75	35	12	34	30	23	27	12	29	36	31	29	262
	30%	30%	29%	33%	20%	24%	23%	39%	38%	35%	28%	24%	31%	40%	29%	29%	35%	25%	37%	24%	30%	27%	22%	32%	29%
Tend to agree	(3) 421	198	222	49	77	75	76	58	86	108	122	90	101	33	18	45	31	39	41	25	37	51	64	38	388
	42%	41%	43%	42%	44%	45%	42%	40%	38%	40%	45%	41%	41%	37%	42%	39%	37%	43%	55%	49%	38%	39%	45%	43%	42%
Tend to disagree	(2) 134	67	67	19	32	23	26	16	19	41	32	36	25	11	7	14	8	12	1	6	20	23	24	8	124
	13%	14%	13%	16%	18%	14%	14%	11%	8%	15%	12%	16%	10%	12%	18%	12%	9%	13%	2%	11%	21%	18%	17%	9%	13%
Strongly disagree	(1) 120	71	49	8	23	25	33	12	19	25	34	32	29	7	4	16	13	15	5	6	11	16	18	9	113
	12%	15%	10%	7%	13%	15%	19%	8%	8%	9%	13%	15%	12%	8%	10%	14%	15%	16%	7%	12%	11%	12%	13%	11%	12%
NET: Disagree	255	138	116	27	55	48	59	28	37	66	67	68	54	18	12	30	21	26	6	12	31	39	43	17	237
	25%	28%	23%	23%	32%	29%	33%	19%	17%	24%	25%	31%	22%	21%	28%	26%	24%	29%	8%	23%	32%	30%	30%	20%	26%
Don't know	32	7	25	1	8	3	2	2	15	3	7	8	15	2	1	6	4	2	-	2	1	7	3	4	30
	3%	2%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	7%	1%	3%	3%	6%	2%	1%	5%	4%	3%	-	4%	1%	5%	2%	5%	3%
Mean	2.92	2.87	2.97	3.03	2.74	2.79	2.71	3.12	3.14	3.01	2.90	2.78	2.97	3.11	2.91	2.89	2.96	2.79	3.22	2.88	2.87	2.85	2.78	3.02	2.90
Standard deviation	0.97	1.01	0.92	0.89	0.94	0.98	1.03	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.96	0.99	0.97	0.94	0.95	1.01	1.05	1.01	0.78	0.93	0.97	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.97
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.10	0.14	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.03