

LGA – MPs SURVEY

Methodology: ComRes interviewed 150 MPs online or by self-completion paper survey between 4th June and 11th July 2018. Data were weighted by party and region to be representative of the House of Commons. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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SUMMARY TABLE Base: All respondents

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	Total	Agree strongly	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	No response	Agree	Disagree	Mean
Councils should have more financial freedoms and powers to build new homes	150 100%	57 38%	69 46%	13 9%	4 3%	6 4%	1	126 84%	17 11%	3.25
Additional funding should go to councils' adult social care budgets to tackle the funding gap	150 100%	60 40%	66 44%	12 8%	1 1%	11 7%	1 *	125 84%	13 9%	3.32
Councils should have more control over local taxes such as Council Tax and business rates	150 100%	41 28%	81 54%	17 11%	2 1%	8 6%	1	122 81%	19 13%	3.14
Additional funding should go to councils' children's services budgets to tackle the funding gap	150 100%	48 32%	60 40%	26 17%	1 1%	13 9%	2 1%	108 72%	28 18%	3.14
Local councils should be given the powers and funding currently held by central government to enable them to integrate employment, skills, apprenticeship and business support services in their areas	150 100%	37 24%	65 44%	22 14%	8 5%	16 11%	2 1%	102 68%	29 20%	2.99

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Q1_1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?

Councils should have more control over local taxes such as Council Tax and business rates

Base: All respondents

				PAR	RTY		c	COUNTRY		ENG	LAND SU	JB-REGIC	ONS	DA	re of Bil	ктн		MARGI	NALITY			L	ENGTH O	SERVIC	E		LENG SER	TH OF VICE	GEN	IDER
		Total	Con	Lab	SNP	Other	Eng -land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	Pre- 1997	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010- 2014	2015+	Retur ning	New	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total		150	53	77	11	9	114	12	24	24	21	28	41	13	38	97	52	26	31	41	16	16	10	15	32	61	121	29	113	37
Weighted Total		150 100%	73 100%	60 100%	8 100%	8 100%	118 100%	12 100%	20 100%	23 100%	26 100%	34 100%	35 100%	12 100%	37 100%	99 100%	51 100%	27 100%	32 100%	40 100%	16 100%	16 100%	10 100%	16 100%	34 100%	58 100%	122 100%	28 100%	117 100%	33 100%
Agree strongly	(4)	41 28%	15 21%	24 39%	1 18%	1 12%	37 31%	2 14%	3 15%	9 40%	6 25%	10 29%	11 31%	4 31%	14 39%	22 22%	12 23%	6 23%	11 33%	13 32%	7 44%	5 29%	2 18%	3 18%	12 36%	13 22%	34 28%	7 25%	33 28%	8 25%
Tend to agree	(3)	81 54%	46 63%	28 46%	4 45%	4 46%	66 56%	7 61%	8 38%	12 50%	12 48%	23 67%	19 54%	8 62%	16 42%	57 57%	29 57%	17 66%	16 49%	19 46%	7 43%	7 45%	7 74%	10 60%	19 57%	31 53%	67 54%	14 51%	62 53%	19 56%
Tend to disagree	(2)	17 11%	10 13%	5 8%	-	3 31%	10 8%	2 19%	5 24%	1 3%	7 26%	-	2 6%	1 6%	6 15%	10 11%	3 6%	3 11%	4 13%	7 16%	2 13%	4 26%	-	1 9%	2 5%	7 13%	14 11%	3 11%	12 10%	5 14%
Disagree strongly	(1)	2 1%	1 2%	1 1%	-	-	2 2%	-	-	1 3%	-	-	1 4%	-	-	2 2%	2 4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 8%	-	1 1%	1 1%	1 3%	2 2%	-
Don't know		8 6%	1 2%	3 5%	3 36%	1 10%	3 3%	1 7%	5 23%	1 3%	-	1 4%	1 2%	-	2 4%	7 7%	5 10%	-	1 3%	2 6%	-	-	1 9%	1 5%	-	7 12%	5 4%	3 11%	8 6%	1 2%
No response		1 *	-	1 1%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	1 2%	-	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	1 1%	-	-	1 2%
NETS																														
Net: Agree		122 81%	61 83%	51 85%	5 64%	5 58%	102 87%	9 74%	11 53%	21 90%	19 74%	33 96%	29 85%	11 94%	30 81%	79 80%	41 80%	24 89%	26 82%	31 78%	14 87%	12 74%	9 91%	12 78%	31 93%	43 74%	101 83%	21 75%	95 81%	27 82%
Net: Disagree		19 13%	11 15%	5 9%	-	3 31%	12 10%	2 19%	5 24%	2 7%	7 26%	-	4 10%	1 6%	6 15%	13 13%	5 10%	3 11%	4 13%	7 16%	2 13%	4 26%	-	3 17%	2 5%	8 14%	15 12%	4 13%	14 12%	5 14%
Mean score		3.14	3.04	3.31	3.29	2.78	3.20	2.95	2.89	3.31	2.99	3.30	3.18	3.25	3.25	3.08	3.10	3.12	3.21	3.16	3.30	3.03	3.19	2.93	3.32	3.07	3.15	3.09	3.15	3.12



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Q1_2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?

Councils should have more financial freedoms and powers to build new homes Base: All respondents

			PA	RTY		c	COUNTRY	,	ENG	LAND SU	JB-REGIC	ONS	DAT	E OF BIF	тн		MARGI	NALITY			L	ENGTH OF	SERVIC	E		LENG SER	TH OF VICE	GEN	DER
	Total	Con	Lab	SNP	Other	Eng -land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	Pre- 1997	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010- 2014	2015+	Retur ning	New	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total	150	53	77	11	9	114	12	24	24	21	28	41	13	38	97	52	26	31	41	16	16	10	15	32	61	121	29	113	37
Weighted Total	150 100%	73 100%	60 100%	8 100%	8 100%	118 100%	12 100%	20 100%	23 100%	26 100%	34 100%	35 100%	12 100%	37 100%	99 100%	51 100%	27 100%	32 100%	40 100%	16 100%	16 100%	10 100%	16 100%	34 100%	58 100%	122 100%	28 100%	117 100%	33 100%
Agree strongly (4	57 38%	17 23%	37 61%	1 18%	2 27%	49 42%	5 44%	3 15%	9 41%	9 36%	15 43%	15 45%	4 33%	19 52%	33 34%	14 28%	10 38%	11 33%	22 56%	9 58%	7 46%	5 55%	6 37%	12 37%	17 29%	48 39%	9 34%	43 37%	14 44%
Tend to agree (3) 69 46%	43 59%	20 32%	4 45%	3 31%	54 46%	5 37%	10 49%	14 59%	8 32%	18 53%	14 41%	7 60%	14 36%	47 48%	26 51%	11 40%	19 60%	13 31%	4 28%	7 46%	4 45%	7 41%	16 48%	30 51%	56 46%	13 45%	51 43%	18 54%
Tend to disagree (2) 13 9%	10 13%	1 1%	-	3 31%	8 7%	2 19%	3 13%	-	7 26%	1 4%	-	1 7%	4 10%	9 9%	3 5%	6 22%	1 4%	3 8%	2 14%	1 8%	-	1 9%	4 13%	4 6%	12 10%	1 5%	13 11%	-
Disagree strongly (1) 4 3%	4 5%	-	-	-	4 3%	-	-	-	1 5%	-	3 8%	-	-	4 4%	3 5%	-	-	1 3%	-	-	-	1 8%	-	3 5%	3 2%	1 5%	4 3%	-
Don't know	6 4%	-	2 4%	3 36%	1 10%	1 1%	-	5 23%	-	-	-	1 4%	-	1 2%	5 5%	5 10%	-	-	1 2%	-	-	-	1 5%	-	5 9%	3 2%	3 11%	6 5%	-
No response	1 *	-	1 1%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	1 2%	-	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	1 1%	-	-	1 2%
NETS																													
Net: Agree	126 84%	60 81%	57 94%	5 64%	5 58%	103 88%	10 81%	13 64%	23 100%	18 68%	33 96%	30 86%	11 93%	33 88%	80 81%	40 79%	21 78%	30 93%	35 87%	14 86%	15 92%	10 100%	12 78%	28 85%	47 80%	104 85%	22 79%	94 80%	32 98%
Net: Disagree	17 11%	14 19%	1 1%	-	3 31%	12 10%	2 19%	3 13%	-	8 32%	1 4%	3 8%	1 7%	4 10%	13 13%	5 11%	6 22%	1 4%	4 11%	2 14%	1 8%	-	3 17%	4 13%	6 11%	14 12%	3 10%	17 15%	-
Mean score	3.25	2.99	3.63	3.29	2.94	3.28	3.26	3.02	3.41	2.99	3.38	3.32	3.26	3.43	3.18	3.14	3.15	3.30	3.42	3.44	3.37	3.55	3.12	3.24	3.15	3.26	3.22	3.20	3.45



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Q1_3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?

Additional funding should go to councils' adult social care budgets to tackle the funding gap Base: All respondents

			PA	RTY		c	COUNTRY		ENG	LAND SU	JB-REGIC	ONS	DAT	re of Bil	ктн		MARGI	NALITY			L	ENGTH OF	SERVIC	E		LENG SER		GEN	DER
	Total	Con	Lab	SNP	Other	Eng -land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	Pre- 1997	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010- 2014	2015+	Retur ning	New	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total	150	53	77	11	9	114	12	24	24	21	28	41	13	38	97	52	26	31	41	16	16	10	15	32	61	121	29	113	37
Weighted Total	150 100%	73 100%	60 100%	8 100%	8 100%	118 100%	12 100%	20 100%	23 100%	26 100%	34 100%	35 100%	12 100%	37 100%	99 100%	51 100%	27 100%	32 100%	40 100%	16 100%	16 100%	10 100%	16 100%	34 100%	58 100%	122 100%	28 100%	117 100%	33 100%
Agree strongly (4	60 40%	11 15%	45 75%	2 27%	1 10%	49 42%	6 46%	5 23%	11 46%	5 21%	10 28%	24 68%	4 32%	17 45%	37 38%	21 41%	8 30%	12 39%	18 45%	6 35%	6 37%	4 43%	7 46%	15 44%	22 37%	46 38%	13 47%	41 35%	18 55%
Tend to agree (3	66 44%	47 64%	12 20%	2 27%	5 58%	55 46%	4 35%	7 35%	10 42%	16 64%	20 59%	8 24%	7 56%	15 40%	44 45%	21 42%	16 60%	14 44%	15 37%	10 65%	7 41%	3 34%	6 36%	17 50%	23 40%	57 47%	9 32%	55 47%	11 34%
Tend to disagree (2	12 8%	11 15%	1 1%	-	-	10 8%	1 7%	1 7%	1 6%	4 16%	3 8%	1 4%	1 12%	4 11%	6 6%	3 5%	1 5%	3 9%	5 12%	-	3 17%	-	1 9%	1 4%	6 11%	9 8%	3 9%	9 8%	2 7%
Disagree strongly (1	1 1%	1 2%	-	-	-	1 1%	-	:	1 6%	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-	1 4%	-	-	-	1 14%	-	-	-	1 1%	-	1 1%	-
Don't know	11 7%	3 4%	1 2%	4 45%	3 31%	2 2%	1 12%	7 36%	-	-	1 4%	1 2%	-	2 4%	9 9%	6 12%	1 5%	1 3%	2 6%	-	1 5%	1 9%	1 9%	-	7 13%	8 6%	3 11%	10 8%	1 2%
No response	1	-	1 1%	-	-	1 1%	-		:	-	-	1 2%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	1 2%	-	-	-	-	-	1 2%	-	1 1%	-	-	1 2%
NETS																													
Net: Agree	125 84%	58 79%	57 95%	4 55%	6 69%	104 88%	10 81%	11 58%	20 88%	22 84%	30 88%	32 92%	11 88%	31 85%	82 82%	42 83%	24 89%	26 82%	33 82%	16 100%	13 78%	8 77%	13 82%	32 94%	45 77%	103 85%	22 79%	96 82%	29 89%
Net: Disagree	13 9%	12 17%	1 1%	-	-	11 9%	1 7%	1 7%	3 12%	4 16%	3 8%	1 4%	1 12%	4 11%	8 8%	3 5%	1 5%	4 13%	5 12%	-	3 17%	1 14%	1 9%	1 4%	6 11%	11 9%	3 9%	11 9%	2 7%
Mean score	3.32	2.96	3.77	3.50	3.15	3.32	3.45	3.26	3.28	3.05	3.21	3.67	3.20	3.35	3.32	3.41	3.26	3.23	3.35	3.35	3.21	3.17	3.41	3.40	3.30	3.30	3.43	3.27	3.50



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Q1_4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?

Additional funding should go to councils' children's services budgets to tackle the funding gap Base: All respondents

	[PAF	RTY		c	COUNTRY		ENG	LAND SU	IB-REGIO	NS	DAT	E OF BI	ктн		MARGI	NALITY			SERVIO			TH OF VICE	GEN	IDER			
		Total	Con	Lab	SNP	Other	Eng -land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	Pre- 1997	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010- 2014	2015+	Retur ning	New	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total		150	53	77	11	9	114	12	24	24	21	28	41	13	38	97	52	26	31	41	16	16	10	15	32	61	121	29	113	37
Weighted Total		150 100%	73 100%	60 100%	8 100%	8 100%	118 100%	12 100%	20 100%	23 100%	26 100%	34 100%	35 100%	12 100%	37 100%	99 100%	51 100%	27 100%	32 100%	40 100%	16 100%	16 100%	10 100%	16 100%	34 100%	58 100%	122 100%	28 100%	117 100%	33 100%
Agree strongly	(4)	48 32%	4 6%	42 69%	2 27%	-	40 34%	4 35%	4 19%	8 34%	5 21%	10 28%	17 50%	3 26%	14 38%	29 29%	15 30%	7 27%	11 35%	14 36%	5 30%	5 32%	4 43%	5 29%	9 27%	20 35%	36 30%	12 43%	32 27%	16 49%
Tend to agree	(3)	60 40%	40 54%	13 22%	2 27%	5 58%	50 42%	2 17%	8 41%	8 36%	16 64%	13 38%	12 35%	6 49%	13 35%	41 42%	18 36%	14 54%	11 33%	17 42%	8 50%	7 46%	4 43%	3 18%	13 40%	24 41%	50 41%	10 35%	50 43%	10 29%
Tend to disagree	(2)	26 17%	24 32%	2 3%	-	1 10%	23 20%	2 19%	1 4%	4 15%	4 16%	11 33%	4 11%	2 19%	8 23%	15 16%	10 19%	4 14%	8 26%	4 10%	2 14%	3 17%	-	7 44%	7 20%	7 12%	23 19%	3 11%	22 19%	4 13%
Disagree strongly	(1)	1 1%	1 2%	-	-	-	1 1%	-	:	1 6%	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-	1 4%	-	-	-	1 14%	-	-	:	1 1%	:	1 1%	-
Don't know		13 9%	4 6%	3 5%	4 45%	2 21%	3 2%	4 30%	6 31%	2 9%	-	-	1 2%	1 6%	1 2%	11 11%	7 14%	1 5%	-	4 10%	1 5%	1 5%	-	1 9%	3 8%	7 12%	10 8%	3 11%	10 9%	2 7%
No response		2 1%	-	1 1%	:	1 10%	1 1%	-	1 4%	:	-	-	1 2%	-	1 2%	1 1%	:	-	1 2%	1 2%	-	-	:	-	2 5%	:	2 1%	-	1 1%	1 2%
NETS																														
Net: Agree		108 72%	44 60%	55 91%	4 55%	5 58%	90 76%	6 51%	12 60%	16 70%	22 84%	23 67%	29 84%	9 75%	27 73%	70 71%	34 66%	21 81%	22 68%	31 78%	13 81%	13 78%	8 86%	7 47%	22 67%	44 76%	87 71%	22 78%	82 70%	26 78%
Net: Disagree		28 18%	25 34%	2 3%	-	1 10%	24 21%	2 19%	1 4%	5 21%	4 16%	11 33%	4 11%	2 19%	8 23%	17 17%	10 19%	4 14%	10 30%	4 10%	2 14%	3 17%	1 14%	7 44%	7 20%	7 12%	24 20%	3 11%	23 20%	4 13%
Mean score		3.14	2.68	3.71	3.50	2.85	3.13	3.23	3.22	3.08	3.05	2.95	3.40	3.08	3.17	3.12	3.13	3.14	3.00	3.29	3.17	3.16	3.15	2.83	3.07	3.25	3.10	3.35	3.07	3.39



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Q1_5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?

LENGTH OF PARTY COUNTRY ENGLAND SUB-REGIONS DATE OF BIRTH MARGINALITY LENGTH OF SERVICE SERVICE GENDER Scot 2005-Eng land Lon-Pre-1950-0.1-10.0-20.0-Pre-1997 1997-2001-2010-Retur Fe-Wales Mids SNP Total Con Lab Other & NI South 1950 1959 1960+ 9.9% 19.9% 29.9% 30%+ 2000 2004 2014 2015+ Male -land don North 2009 ning New male Unweighted Total 150 53 77 11 9 114 12 24 24 21 28 41 13 38 97 52 26 31 41 16 16 10 15 32 61 121 29 113 37 Weighted Total 150 60 118 12 20 34 37 27 32 10 16 34 122 117 33 73 8 8 23 26 35 12 99 51 40 16 16 58 28 100% 12 Aaree stronaly (4) 37 7 26 2 31 3 7 3 7 14 2 14 20 9 4 12 12 5 5 2 2 12 30 6 24 13 1 - 3 24% 10% 44% 27% 12% 26% 21% 15% 28% 12% 22% 41% 14% 37% 20% 18% 15% 36% 30% 29% 29% 17% 10% 35% 21% 25% 23% 20% 39% Tend to agree (3) 65 34 27 2 2 56 3 7 12 13 18 13 13 45 24 12 10 19 5 6 11 30 52 13 51 14 8 7 6 47% 27% 21% 21% 47% 62% 33% 44% 45% 48% 34% 51% 51% 53% 37% 64% 35% 45% 45% 31% 48% 45% 31% 38% 51% 42% 49% 44% 43% Tend to disagree (2) 22 17 2 1 2 15 2 4 1 5 7 3 6 13 5 4 8 5 4 2 3 6 6 19 3 17 5 14% 23% 4% 9% 21% 13% 19% 19% 6% 21% 21% 4% 23% 15% 13% 9% 14% 24% 13% 26% 14% 18% 17% 11% 15% 10% 15% 14% Disagree strongly (1) 5 2 1 2 3 2 2 4 3 2 3 2 7 7 8 6 1 1 5 5% 7% 1% -21% 4% 12% 9% -11% -6% 6% 6% 7% 11% -3% 13% -17% 4% 3% 6% 3% 6% 2% Don't know 16 8 3 3 2 5 2 1 3 3 14 9 4 1 2 2 2 3 3 7 12 4 16 8 3 1 11% 11% 5% 36% 25% 7% 28% 23% 9% 5% 4% 10% 7% 14% 18% 15% 3% 6% 13% 21% 18% 8% 11% 16% 14% 10% --No response 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 1% 2% 1% 2% -6% 2% 2% 7% 2% 2% 2% 1% 2% -------NETS 102 41 53 4 87 10 18 16 26 27 9 27 64 33 16 21 31 12 10 23 42 82 20 75 27 Net: Agree 3 5 8 8 68% 57% 88% 55% 33% 74% 42% 49% 79% 63% 75% 78% 77% 72% 65% 66% 60% 67% 78% 74% 60% 79% 47% 68% 72% 67% 71% 64% 82% Net: Disagree 29 22 3 1 3 20 4 6 1 8 7 4 3 8 19 8 7 8 7 4 4 6 7 8 26 4 24 5 14% 20% 30% 5% 9% 42% 17% 30% 28% 6% 32% 21% 10% 23% 21% 19% 17% 25% 24% 17% 26% 27% -35% 21% 21% 13% 21% 16% Mean score 2.99 2.68 3.40 3.29 2.32 3.06 2.71 2.72 3.26 2.68 3.01 3.28 2.91 3.12 2.94 2.93 2.75 3.13 3.10 3.03 2.88 3.21 2.48 3.11 3.05 2.98 3.08 2.92 3.21

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Base: All respondents

