



LGA – PEERS SURVEY

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Q1_SUM. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?

SUMMARY TABLE

Base: All respondents

	Total	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	No response	NETS		
								Agree	Disagree	Mean
Councils should have more financial freedoms and powers to build new homes	101 100%	54 53%	38 38%	3 3%	1 1%	1 1%	4 4%	92 91%	4 4%	3.5
Councils should have more control over local taxes such as Council Tax and business rates	101 100%	26 26%	58 57%	8 8%	2 2%	- -	7 7%	84 83%	10 10%	3.2
Additional funding should go to councils' adult social care budgets to tackle the funding gap	101 100%	44 44%	33 32%	9 9%	4 4%	5 5%	5 5%	77 76%	13 13%	3.3
Additional funding should go to councils' children's services budgets to tackle the funding gap	101 100%	35 34%	33 33%	13 13%	1 1%	11 11%	8 8%	67 67%	14 14%	3.2
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	101 100%	22 22%	44 44%	16 16%	3 3%	9 9%	5 5%	67 66%	20 19%	3.0

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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

	Total	PARTY				DATE OF BIRTH			LENGTH OF SERVICE				GENDER		TYPE		
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Cross-bench/ other	Pre 1940	1940-1949	1950+	Before 1979	1980-1996	1997-2009	2010 or later	Male	Female	Life	Hereditary	Bishop
Unweighted Total	101	24	36	18	23	33	42	26	9	23	12	57	71	30	85	14	2
Weighted Total	101	32	25	13	32	32	42	27	11	25	13	52	71	30	80	18	3
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Agree strongly	(4) 26 26%	3 8%	10 39%	8 67%	5 17%	6 20%	13 31%	7 25%	2 19%	3 11%	3 27%	18 35%	20 28%	6 21%	24 30%	2 11%	-
Tend to agree	(3) 58 57%	21 67%	12 47%	4 33%	21 65%	19 59%	20 49%	18 67%	9 81%	17 67%	6 47%	26 50%	41 57%	17 57%	39 49%	16 89%	3 100%
Tend to disagree	(2) 8 8%	4 13%	1 6%	- -	3 9%	3 11%	4 10%	1 3%	- -	2 8%	1 11%	5 9%	5 8%	3 9%	8 10%	-	-
Disagree strongly	(1) 2 2%	1 4%	1 3%	- -	- -	1 4%	1 2%	- -	- -	1 5%	- -	1 1%	2 3%	- -	2 3%	-	-
Don't know	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-
No response	7 7%	3 8%	1 6%	- -	3 9%	2 6%	3 8%	1 5%	- -	2 8%	2 16%	3 5%	3 4%	4 13%	7 8%	-	-
NETS																	
Net: Agree	84 83%	24 75%	22 86%	13 100%	26 83%	25 79%	33 81%	25 92%	11 100%	20 78%	10 74%	44 84%	61 86%	23 78%	63 79%	18 100%	3 100%
Net: Disagree	10 10%	5 17%	2 8%	- -	3 9%	5 15%	5 11%	1 3%	- -	3 14%	1 11%	5 10%	7 10%	3 9%	10 13%	-	-
Mean score	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0

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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

	Total	PARTY				DATE OF BIRTH			LENGTH OF SERVICE				GENDER		TYPE		
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Cross-bench/ other	Pre 1940	1940-1949	1950+	Before 1979	1980-1996	1997-2009	2010 or later	Male	Female	Life	Hereditary	Bishop
Unweighted Total	101	24	36	18	23	33	42	26	9	23	12	57	71	30	85	14	2
Weighted Total	101	32	25	13	32	32	42	27	11	25	13	52	71	30	80	18	3
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Agree strongly (4)	54	13	18	11	11	14	23	17	3	16	8	27	37	16	45	7	1
	53%	42%	72%	89%	35%	43%	54%	63%	31%	62%	58%	52%	52%	55%	56%	41%	50%
Tend to agree (3)	38	13	6	1	18	15	16	7	6	7	3	21	26	12	27	9	1
	38%	42%	22%	11%	57%	46%	38%	27%	57%	30%	27%	40%	36%	41%	34%	52%	50%
Tend to disagree (2)	3	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	3	-	3	-	-
	3%	4%	-	-	4%	-	3%	5%	-	-	-	5%	4%	-	3%	-	-
Disagree strongly (1)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	1%	4%	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	5%	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-
Don't know	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
	1%	4%	-	-	-	4%	-	-	12%	-	-	-	2%	-	-	7%	-
No response	4	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1	3	1	4	-	-
	4%	4%	6%	-	4%	2%	5%	5%	-	3%	16%	3%	4%	5%	5%	-	-
NETS																	
Net: Agree	92	26	24	13	29	29	38	25	9	23	11	48	63	29	72	17	3
	91%	83%	94%	100%	91%	90%	92%	90%	88%	92%	84%	92%	89%	95%	90%	93%	100%
Net: Disagree	4	3	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	3	4	-	4	-	-
	4%	8%	-	-	4%	4%	3%	5%	-	5%	-	5%	6%	-	5%	-	-
Mean score	3.5	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5

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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

	Total	PARTY				DATE OF BIRTH			LENGTH OF SERVICE				GENDER		TYPE		
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Cross-bench/ other	Pre 1940	1940-1949	1950+	Before 1979	1980-1996	1997-2009	2010 or later	Male	Female	Life	Hereditary	Bishop
Unweighted Total	101	24	36	18	23	33	42	26	9	23	12	57	71	30	85	14	2
Weighted Total	101	32	25	13	32	32	42	27	11	25	13	52	71	30	80	18	3
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Agree strongly (4)	44	5	19	8	12	13	19	12	1	10	8	25	29	15	40	3	1
	44%	17%	75%	61%	39%	41%	46%	43%	12%	41%	58%	48%	41%	50%	49%	18%	50%
Tend to agree (3)	33	14	4	4	10	11	15	6	7	9	1	16	22	10	26	5	1
	32%	46%	17%	33%	30%	36%	36%	23%	63%	35%	5%	31%	31%	34%	32%	30%	50%
Tend to disagree (2)	9	4	1	1	4	4	-	5	-	1	-	8	7	2	5	4	-
	9%	13%	3%	6%	13%	13%	-	20%	-	5%	-	16%	11%	7%	7%	22%	-
Disagree strongly (1)	4	4	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	1	1	-	4	-	3	1	-
	4%	13%	-	-	-	4%	6%	-	12%	5%	10%	-	6%	-	3%	7%	-
Don't know	5	3	-	-	3	1	1	3	1	3	-	1	5	-	1	4	-
	5%	8%	-	-	9%	4%	3%	10%	13%	11%	-	3%	8%	-	2%	22%	-
No response	5	1	1	-	3	1	3	1	-	1	3	1	3	3	5	-	-
	5%	4%	6%	-	9%	2%	8%	5%	-	3%	26%	3%	4%	9%	7%	-	-
NETS																	
Net: Agree	77	20	23	12	22	25	34	18	8	19	8	41	51	25	65	9	3
	76%	63%	92%	94%	70%	77%	82%	65%	75%	76%	64%	79%	72%	84%	81%	48%	100%
Net: Disagree	13	8	1	1	4	5	3	5	1	3	1	8	11	2	8	5	-
	13%	25%	3%	6%	13%	17%	6%	20%	12%	11%	10%	16%	16%	7%	10%	29%	-
Mean score	3.3	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	2.8	3.5

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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

	Total	PARTY				DATE OF BIRTH			LENGTH OF SERVICE				GENDER		TYPE		
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Cross-bench/ other	Pre 1940	1940-1949	1950+	Before 1979	1980-1996	1997-2009	2010 or later	Male	Female	Life	Hereditary	Bishop
Unweighted Total	101	24	36	18	23	33	42	26	9	23	12	57	71	30	85	14	2
Weighted Total	101	32	25	13	32	32	42	27	11	25	13	52	71	30	80	18	3
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Agree strongly (4)	35	4	12	6	12	10	14	10	3	5	6	20	22	12	32	1	1
	34%	13%	47%	50%	39%	32%	35%	35%	25%	22%	48%	39%	31%	41%	40%	7%	50%
Tend to agree (3)	33	8	10	6	10	12	12	9	4	9	2	18	26	7	26	7	-
	33%	25%	39%	44%	30%	36%	28%	35%	38%	35%	16%	34%	37%	23%	32%	41%	-
Tend to disagree (2)	13	8	2	-	3	3	8	2	3	3	-	7	9	3	7	5	-
	13%	25%	8%	-	9%	8%	19%	7%	25%	13%	-	13%	13%	11%	9%	29%	-
Disagree strongly (1)	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
	1%	4%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	10%	-	2%	-	2%	-	-
Don't know	11	7	-	1	4	4	3	5	1	4	-	6	8	3	6	4	1
	11%	21%	-	6%	13%	12%	6%	17%	13%	16%	-	11%	11%	11%	7%	22%	50%
No response	8	4	1	-	3	3	3	1	-	3	3	1	4	4	8	-	-
	8%	13%	6%	-	9%	10%	8%	5%	-	13%	26%	3%	6%	13%	10%	-	-
NETS																	
Net: Agree	67	12	22	12	22	22	26	19	7	14	8	38	48	19	57	9	1
	67%	38%	86%	94%	70%	69%	63%	70%	62%	57%	64%	73%	68%	64%	72%	48%	50%
Net: Disagree	14	9	2	-	3	3	9	2	3	3	1	7	11	3	9	5	-
	14%	29%	8%	-	9%	8%	23%	7%	25%	13%	10%	13%	15%	11%	11%	29%	-
Mean score	3.2	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.7	4.0

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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?

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

Base: All respondents

	Total	PARTY				DATE OF BIRTH			LENGTH OF SERVICE				GENDER		TYPE		
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Weighted Total	101	32	25	13	32	32	42	27	11	25	13	52	71	30	80	18	3
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Agree strongly	(4) 22	-	10	7	5	7	8	7	-	3	3	15	16	6	21	1	-
	22%	-	39%	56%	17%	22%	20%	25%	-	14%	27%	29%	23%	21%	26%	8%	-
Tend to agree	(3) 44	12	10	4	18	11	23	11	8	10	4	22	31	14	32	10	3
	44%	38%	42%	33%	57%	34%	54%	40%	75%	41%	32%	42%	43%	46%	39%	56%	100%
Tend to disagree	(2) 16	8	1	1	5	5	6	5	1	5	3	7	13	3	12	4	-
	16%	25%	6%	11%	17%	17%	14%	18%	12%	21%	21%	13%	19%	9%	15%	22%	-
Disagree strongly	(1) 3	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	3	-	-
	3%	8%	3%	-	-	10%	-	-	-	5%	-	4%	5%	-	4%	-	-
Don't know	9	7	1	-	1	3	3	3	1	3	1	5	5	5	7	3	-
	9%	21%	6%	-	4%	10%	6%	12%	12%	11%	5%	9%	7%	16%	8%	15%	-
No response	5	3	1	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	2	1	3	3	5	-	-
	5%	8%	6%	-	4%	6%	5%	5%	-	8%	16%	3%	4%	9%	7%	-	-
NETS																	
Net: Agree	67	12	20	11	23	18	31	18	8	14	8	37	47	20	52	11	3
	66%	38%	81%	89%	74%	56%	74%	65%	75%	55%	58%	71%	66%	66%	65%	63%	100%
Net: Disagree	20	11	2	1	5	9	6	5	1	7	3	9	17	3	16	4	-
	19%	33%	8%	11%	17%	27%	14%	18%	12%	26%	21%	17%	24%	9%	19%	22%	-
Mean score	3.0	2.4	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.0