

LGA – MPs SURVEY

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

SUMMARY TABLE

Base: All respondents

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	Total	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	No response	Agree	Disagree	Mean
Councils should have more financial powers and freedoms	155	58	75	11	3	7	-	133	15	1.17
	100%	38%	49%	7%	2%	4%	-	86%	9%	
Additional funding should go to councils' social care budgets to tackle the funding crisis	155	70	60	9	3	12	1	130	11	1.32
	100%	45%	39%	5%	2%	8%	1%	84%	7%	
Councils should have greater control over local public services in their areas	155	56	72	12	5	9	1	128	17	1.12
	100%	36%	46%	8%	3%	6%	1%	82%	11%	

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Q_1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about local government in England and Wales.

Councils should have more financial powers and freedoms

Base: All respondents

		PARTY				COUNTRY			ENGLAND SUB-REGIONS				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE						LENGTH OF SERVICE		GENDER			
		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-n ing	New	Male	Fe-male	
Unweighted Total		155	56	75	12	12	119	12	24	23	23	30	43	14	40	96	54	29	29	43	17	18	9	20	29	62	123	32	115	40	
Weighted Total		155	76	62	8	9	125	12	18	22	28	37	38	13	40	98	52	30	29	44	17	18	9	22	30	59	124	31	118	37	
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Strongly agree	(2)	58	19	36	2	1	51	3	4	10	10	12	19	6	15	35	16	10	13	19	6	4	4	4	14	26	42	16	44	15	
		38%	25%	57%	25%	17%	41%	29%	20%	47%	34%	32%	51%	50%	37%	36%	31%	35%	45%	42%	35%	23%	46%	20%	46%	43%	34%	52%	37%	40%	
Tend to agree	(1)	75	46	21	3	5	60	6	9	10	15	22	14	4	22	48	27	13	12	23	9	13	5	12	11	26	64	11	60	15	
		49%	61%	33%	42%	58%	48%	51%	49%	44%	52%	60%	36%	33%	55%	49%	52%	44%	40%	53%	52%	73%	54%	53%	38%	44%	52%	36%	51%	41%	
Tend to disagree	(-1)	11	8	2	1	-	8	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	8	3	3	4	2	2	-	-	6	2	1	11	-	7	4	
		7%	11%	3%	17%	-	7%	12%	8%	4%	9%	8%	6%	17%	3%	8%	5%	9%	12%	5%	13%	-	-	28%	7%	1%	9%	-	6%	10%	
Strongly disagree	(-2)	3	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	1	
		2%	3%	1%	-	-	3%	-	-	6%	5%	-	2%	-	2%	3%	3%	7%	-	-	-	5%	-	-	9%	-	3%	-	2%	2%	
Don't know		7	-	3	1	2	2	1	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	4	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	4	4	3		
		4%	-	5%	17%	25%	1%	8%	23%	-	-	-	4%	-	2%	5%	9%	5%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	12%	2%	13%	4%	7%		
NETS																															
Net: Agree		133	65	57	6	6	111	9	13	20	24	34	33	11	37	83	43	23	25	42	15	17	9	16	25	51	107	27	104	30	
		86%	86%	91%	67%	75%	89%	80%	69%	90%	86%	92%	88%	83%	93%	85%	83%	79%	86%	95%	87%	95%	100%	72%	84%	87%	86%	87%	88%	81%	
Net: Disagree		15	11	2	1	-	12	1	1	2	4	3	3	2	2	10	4	5	4	2	2	1	-	6	5	1	15	-	10	5	
		9%	14%	4%	17%	-	9%	12%	8%	10%	14%	8%	8%	17%	6%	10%	8%	16%	12%	5%	13%	5%	-	28%	16%	1%	12%	-	9%	12%	
Mean score		1.17	.93	1.51	.90	1.22	1.19	1.06	1.07	1.22	1.01	1.17	1.35	1.16	1.25	1.13	1.14	.95	1.22	1.32	1.10	1.09	1.46	.64	1.06	1.47	1.08	1.59	1.18	1.14	

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Q_1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about local government in England and Wales.

Councils should have more financial powers and freedoms

Base: All respondents

		ADVOCACY		IMPRESSION	
Total		Would speak highly	Would speak critically	Effective	Ineffective
Unweighted Total	155	84	8	81	12
Weighted Total	155	80	10	79	14
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	(2)	58	43	39	3
		38%	53%	50%	25%
Tend to agree	(1)	75	37	37	6
		49%	46%	47%	40%
Tend to disagree	(-1)	11	1	1	3
		7%	1%	1%	20%
Strongly disagree	(-2)	3	2	1	2
		2%	22%	2%	15%
Don't know		7	-	-	-
		4%	-	-	-
NETS					
Net: Agree	133	79	6	77	9
	86%	99%	64%	97%	65%
Net: Disagree	15	1	3	2	5
	9%	1%	36%	3%	35%
Mean score	1.17	1.51	.30	1.43	.40

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Q_2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about local government in England and Wales.

Councils should have greater control over local public services in their areas

Base: All respondents

		PARTY				COUNTRY			ENGLAND SUB-REGIONS				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE						LENGTH OF SERVICE		GENDER			
		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		155	56	75	12	12	119	12	24	23	23	30	43	14	40	96	54	29	29	43	17	18	9	20	29	62	123	32	115	40	
Weighted Total		155	76	62	8	9	125	12	18	22	28	37	38	13	40	98	52	30	29	44	17	18	9	22	30	59	124	31	118	37	
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Strongly agree	(2)	56	17	35	1	2	50	4	2	9	8	13	20	6	15	33	18	11	10	18	6	3	3	5	13	26	39	17	43	13	
		36%	23%	56%	17%	25%	40%	35%	12%	39%	29%	35%	53%	44%	38%	34%	34%	37%	33%	40%	35%	18%	32%	22%	44%	44%	32%	55%	36%	35%	
Tend to agree	(1)	72	43	20	4	4	57	4	11	13	12	21	11	5	18	48	24	12	13	23	9	10	5	10	13	25	62	10	56	16	
		46%	57%	32%	50%	50%	46%	33%	57%	57%	43%	58%	30%	40%	46%	49%	46%	39%	45%	52%	52%	58%	54%	44%	44%	42%	50%	32%	47%	43%	
Tend to disagree	(-1)	12	9	2	1	-	10	1	1	1	5	1	2	2	1	9	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	5	2	1	12	-	9	4	
		8%	12%	3%	17%	-	8%	12%	8%	4%	19%	4%	6%	17%	3%	9%	8%	9%	12%	5%	13%	8%	14%	21%	7%	1%	10%	-	7%	10%	
Strongly disagree	(-2)	5	4	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	4	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	5	-	4	1	
		3%	5%	1%	-	-	4%	-	-	-	9%	4%	2%	-	9%	1%	-	7%	5%	3%	-	12%	-	6%	4%	-	4%	-	3%	2%	
Don't know		9	1	4	1	2	2	2	4	-	-	-	2	-	2	6	6	2	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	7	5	4	7	3	
		6%	2%	7%	17%	25%	2%	20%	23%	-	-	-	7%	-	4%	6%	12%	5%	5%	-	-	5%	-	6%	-	12%	4%	13%	6%	7%	
No response		1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1		
		1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	2%	
NETS																															
Net: Agree		128	61	55	6	6	107	8	13	21	20	34	31	11	33	81	42	23	23	41	15	13	8	15	27	50	101	27	99	29	
		82%	80%	88%	67%	75%	86%	69%	69%	96%	72%	92%	83%	83%	84%	83%	81%	76%	78%	92%	87%	76%	86%	66%	88%	86%	81%	87%	84%	79%	
Net: Disagree		17	13	2	1	-	14	1	1	1	8	3	3	2	5	10	4	5	5	4	2	3	1	6	4	1	17	-	13	5	
		11%	18%	4%	17%	-	12%	12%	8%	4%	28%	8%	8%	17%	12%	10%	8%	16%	16%	8%	13%	20%	14%	28%	12%	1%	14%	-	11%	12%	
Mean score		1.12	.82	1.51	.80	1.33	1.13	1.14	.96	1.32	.64	1.16	1.39	1.10	1.05	1.12	1.21	.97	.95	1.21	1.10	.65	1.03	.58	1.16	1.48	1.00	1.63	1.12	1.09	

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		ADVOCACY		IMPRESSION	
Total		Would speak highly	Would speak critically	Effective	Ineffective
Unweighted Total	155	84	8	81	12
Weighted Total	155	80	10	79	14
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	(2) 56	41	2	36	3
	36%	51%	23%	45%	25%
Tend to agree	(1) 72	34	4	35	6
	46%	42%	42%	45%	40%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 12	3	1	3	1
	8%	4%	14%	4%	10%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 5	-	2	1	4
	3%	-	22%	2%	25%
Don't know	9	1	-	2	-
	6%	1%	-	3%	-
No response	1	1	-	1	-
	1%	1%	-	1%	-
NETS					
Net: Agree	128	75	6	71	9
	82%	94%	64%	90%	65%
Net: Disagree	17	3	3	5	5
	11%	4%	36%	6%	35%
Mean score	1.12	1.44	.30	1.33	.30

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Q_3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about local government in England and Wales.

Additional funding should go to councils' social care budgets to tackle the funding crisis

Base: All respondents

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Unweighted Total		155	56	75	12	12	119	12	24	23	23	30	43	14	40	96	54	29	29	43	17	18	9	20	29	62	123	32	115	40	
Weighted Total		155	76	62	8	9	125	12	18	22	28	37	38	13	40	98	52	30	29	44	17	18	9	22	30	59	124	31	118	37	
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Strongly agree	(2)	70	13	50	3	4	59	6	5	14	8	10	28	6	20	40	23	14	13	20	7	7	4	8	16	27	54	17	52	18	
		45%	18%	80%	42%	42%	48%	51%	27%	61%	27%	27%	75%	49%	50%	41%	44%	48%	44%	46%	43%	41%	41%	38%	54%	47%	43%	55%	44%	49%	
Tend to agree	(1)	60	45	9	3	3	51	2	6	7	17	20	7	3	18	39	22	6	14	17	7	10	5	7	11	19	54	6	45	15	
		39%	59%	15%	42%	33%	41%	18%	35%	33%	59%	55%	19%	26%	45%	39%	42%	21%	49%	39%	39%	59%	59%	31%	37%	33%	43%	20%	38%	41%	
Tend to disagree	(-1)	9	7	2	-	-	6	2	-	-	4	2	-	3	-	5	-	2	1	5	3	-	-	1	3	1	9	-	7	1	
		5%	9%	3%	-	-	5%	20%	-	-	14%	6%	-	24%	-	6%	-	7%	4%	11%	18%	-	-	6%	9%	2%	7%	-	6%	4%	
Strongly disagree	(-2)	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	
		2%	4%	-	-	-	1%	-	7%	-	-	-	4%	-	-	3%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	9%	2%	-	
Don't know		12	7	2	1	2	5	1	6	-	-	4	1	-	2	10	4	6	1	1	-	-	-	4	-	8	7	5	10	2	
		8%	9%	3%	17%	25%	4%	12%	31%	-	-	11%	2%	-	5%	10%	8%	19%	2%	3%	-	-	-	19%	-	13%	6%	16%	8%	6%	
No response		1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	
		1%	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	4%	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	
NETS																															
Net: Agree		130	58	59	7	6	111	8	11	21	24	30	35	10	38	79	45	21	27	38	14	18	9	15	28	47	107	23	97	33	
		84%	77%	95%	83%	75%	89%	69%	62%	94%	86%	82%	94%	76%	95%	80%	87%	69%	93%	86%	82%	100%	100%	69%	91%	80%	86%	75%	82%	90%	
Net: Disagree		11	9	2	-	-	8	2	1	-	4	2	1	3	-	8	3	2	1	5	3	-	-	1	3	4	9	3	10	1	
		7%	12%	3%	-	-	6%	20%	7%	-	14%	6%	4%	24%	-	8%	5%	7%	4%	11%	18%	-	-	6%	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%	4%	
Mean score		1.32	.88	1.76	1.50	1.55	1.36	1.13	1.08	1.65	.99	1.16	1.66	1.01	1.52	1.24	1.31	1.43	1.36	1.24	1.07	1.41	1.41	1.34	1.35	1.33	1.32	1.34	1.28	1.44	

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Additional funding should go to councils' social care budgets to tackle the funding crisis

Base: All respondents

		ADVOCACY		IMPRESSION	
Total		Would speak highly	Would speak critically	Effective	Ineffective
Unweighted Total	155	84	8	81	12
Weighted Total	155	80	10	79	14
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	(2) 70 45%	48 60%	4 45%	46 58%	4 26%
Tend to agree	(1) 60 39%	23 29%	4 41%	26 33%	8 55%
Tend to disagree	(-1) 9 5%	3 4%	- -	2 2%	3 19%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 3 2%	3 3%	- -	3 3%	- -
Don't know	12 8%	1 2%	1 14%	1 2%	- -
No response	1 1%	1 2%	- -	1 2%	- -
NETS					
Net: Agree	130 84%	72 89%	8 86%	71 91%	11 81%
Net: Disagree	11 7%	6 7%	- -	4 6%	3 19%
Mean score	1.32	1.44	1.52	1.45	.88