

LGA Peers Survey– May 2021

Methodology: Savanta ComRes interviewed 94 Peers between 2nd November - 4th February 2021. Data were weighted to be representative of the House of Lords by party. Savanta ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Full tables at www.comresglobal.com

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

Base: All respondents

	Total	Disagree strongly	Tend to disagree	Tend to agree	Agree strongly	Don't know	NETS		Mean Score
							Disagree	Agree	
Additional funding should go to councils' adults social care budgets to tackle the funding gap	94 100%	- -%	7 7%	39 41%	44 47%	5 5%	7 7%	83 88%	3.42
Councils should have more financial freedoms and powers to build new homes	94 100%	1 1%	11 12%	45 48%	38 40%	- -%	12 12%	82 88%	3.27
Additional funding should go to councils' children's services budgets to tackle the funding gap	94 100%	1 1%	8 8%	39 41%	41 43%	6 6%	9 10%	79 84%	3.35
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	94 100%	2 2%	10 11%	47 50%	28 30%	6 7%	13 13%	75 80%	3.15
Councils should have more control over local taxes such as Council Tax and business rates	94 100%	1 1%	19 20%	41 43%	32 34%	1 1%	20 21%	73 77%	3.12

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Q_1. Councils should have more control over local taxes such as Council Tax and business rates: To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?
Base: All respondents

	Total	Party				Type of Peerage		Length of Service					Date of Birth				Gender		
		Con (a)	Lab (b)	Lib Dem (c)	Crossbench/Other (d)	Life (a)	Hereditary (b)	Before 1960 (a)	1960 - 1979 (b)	1980 - 1994 (c)	1995 - 2004 (d)	2005 or later (e)	Before 1940 (a)	1940 - 1949 (b)	1950 - 1959 (c)	1960 or later (d)	Male (a)	Female (b)	
Unweighted row Total	94	27	31	18	18	81	13	-	6	12	41	35	23	45	26	-	66	28	
	94	30	21	11	32	78	16	-	7	14	39	34	27	43	24	-	66	28	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	
Disagree strongly (1.00)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	
	1%	4%	-%	-%	-%	1%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	3%	-%	-%	5%	-%	2%	-%	
Tend to disagree (2.00)	19	11	1	-	7	16	3	-	2	3	6	8	7	7	5	-	14	5	
	20%	37%	3%	-%	22%	20%	21%	-%	30%	21%	15%	24%	25%	17%	19%	-%	21%	19%	
Tend to agree (3.00)	41	12	8	2	18	30	10	-	4	7	13	16	13	18	10	-	28	13	
	43%	41%	39%	22%	56%	39%	65%	-%	55%	53%	33%	49%	48%	43%	39%	-%	42%	46%	
Agree strongly (4.00)	32	4	12	8	7	30	2	-	1	2	21	8	6	17	9	-	22	10	
	34%	15%	58%	78%	22%	38%	14%	-%	15%	18%	52%	24%	23%	40%	37%	-%	34%	35%	
Don't know	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	
	1%	4%	-%	-%	-%	1%	-%	-%	-%	8%	-%	-%	4%	-%	-%	-%	2%	-%	
NETS																			
Disagree	20	12	1	-	7	17	3	-	2	3	6	9	7	7	6	-	15	5	
	21%	41%	3%	-%	22%	21%	21%	-%	30%	21%	15%	27%	25%	17%	24%	-%	22%	19%	
Agree	73	17	20	11	25	60	12	-	5	10	33	24	19	35	18	-	50	23	
	77%	56%	97%	100%	78%	77%	79%	-%	70%	71%	85%	73%	70%	83%	76%	-%	76%	81%	
Mean score	3.12	2.69	3.55ad	3.78ad	3.00	3.16	2.93	-	2.85	2.97	3.38e	2.93	2.97	3.23	3.08	-	3.10	3.16	
Standard deviation	0.768	0.787	0.572	0.437	0.677	0.795	0.608	-	0.706	0.676	0.738	0.789	0.724	0.730	0.877	-	0.788	0.733	
95 % lower case or +																			

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Q_2. Councils should have more financial freedoms and powers to build new homes: To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?
Base: All respondents

	Total	Party				Type of Peerage		Length of Service					Date of Birth				Gender		
		Con (a)	Lab (b)	Lib Dem (c)	Crossbench/Other (d)	Life (a)	Hereditary (b)	Before 1960 (a)	1960 - 1979 (b)	1980 - 1994 (c)	1995 - 2004 (d)	2005 or later (e)	Before 1940 (a)	1940 - 1949 (b)	1950 - 1959 (c)	1960 or later (d)	Male (a)	Female (b)	
Unweighted row	94	27	31	18	18	81	13	-	6	12	41	35	23	45	26	-	66	28	
Total	94	30	21	11	32	78	16	-	7	14	39	34	27	43	24	-	66	28	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	
Disagree strongly	(1.00)	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
		1%	-%	3%	-%	-%	1%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	2%	-%	-%	3%	-%	-%	2%
Tend to disagree	(2.00)	11	7	-	1	4	8	3	-	1	3	5	2	5	6	-	-	8	3
		12%	22%	-%	6%	11%	10%	18%	-%	15%	21%	12%	7%	17%	15%	-%	-%	12%	10%
Tend to agree	(3.00)	45	19	8	2	16	34	11	-	6	9	11	18	15	17	12	-	35	10
		48%	63%	39%	17%	50%	44%	68%	-%	85%	66%	28%	55%	56%	41%	51%	-%	53%	36%
Agree strongly	(4.00)	38	4	12	8	13	35	2	-	-	2	24	12	7	19	11	-	23	14
		40%	15%	58%	78%	39%	45%	14%	-%	-%	13%	60%	36%	27%	45%	46%	-%	35%	51%
Don't know		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
NETS																			
Disagree		12	7	1	1	4	9	3	-	1	3	5	3	5	6	1	-	8	4
		12%	22%	3%	6%	11%	11%	18%	-%	15%	21%	12%	9%	17%	15%	3%	-%	12%	13%
Agree		82	23	20	10	29	70	13	-	6	11	35	31	23	36	24	-	58	24
		88%	78%	97%	94%	89%	89%	82%	-%	85%	79%	88%	91%	83%	85%	97%	-%	88%	87%
Mean score		3.27	2.93	3.52a	3.72ad	3.28	3.33	2.96	-	2.85	2.92	3.48bc	3.26	3.10	3.30	3.41	-	3.23	3.36
Standard deviation		0.690	0.614	0.682	0.587	0.661	0.695	0.587	-	0.385	0.599	0.705	0.677	0.668	0.717	0.653	-	0.652	0.778

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Q_3. Additional funding should go to councils' adult social care budgets to tackle the funding gap: To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?
Base: All respondents

	Total	Party				Type of Peerage		Length of Service					Date of Birth				Gender		
		Con (a)	Lab (b)	Lib Dem (c)	Crossbench/Other (d)	Life (a)	Hereditary (b)	Before 1960 (a)	1960 - 1979 (b)	1980 - 1994 (c)	1995 - 2004 (d)	2005 or later (e)	Before 1940 (a)	1940 - 1949 (b)	1950 - 1959 (c)	1960 or later (d)	Male (a)	Female (b)	
Unweighted row Total	94	27	31	18	18	81	13	-	6	12	41	35	23	45	26	-	66	28	
	94	30	21	11	32	78	16	-	7	14	39	34	27	43	24	-	66	28	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	
Disagree strongly	(1.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	
Tend to disagree	(2.00)	7	7	-	-	3	3	-	1	2	-	3	2	2	2	-	7	-	
		7%	22%	-%	-%	4%	21%	-%	15%	16%	-%	10%	8%	5%	9%	-%	10%	-%	
Tend to agree	(3.00)	39	18	4	2	14	7	-	4	5	14	15	12	19	8	-	29	10	
		41%	59%	19%	22%	44%	40%	-%	60%	37%	36%	44%	42%	44%	33%	-%	43%	36%	
Agree strongly	(4.00)	44	3	16	8	16	2	-	2	2	25	15	10	21	12	-	26	18	
		47%	11%	77%	78%	50%	54%	-%	24%	18%	64%	44%	39%	50%	50%	-%	40%	64%	
Don't know		5	2	1	-	2	3	-	-	4	-	1	3	-	2	-	5	-	
		5%	7%	3%	-%	6%	18%	-%	-%	29%	-%	2%	11%	-%	7%	-%	7%	-%	
NETS																			
Disagree		7	7	-	-	3	3	-	1	2	-	3	2	2	2	-	7	-	
		7%	22%	-%	-%	4%	21%	-%	15%	16%	-%	10%	8%	5%	9%	-%	10%	-%	
Agree		83	21	20	11	31	10	-	6	8	39	30	22	40	20	-	55	28	
		88%	70%	97%	100%	94%	93%	-%	85%	55%	100%	88%	81%	95%	84%	-%	83%	100%	
Mean score		3.42	2.88	3.80a	3.78a	3.53a	3.50b	-	3.09	3.03	3.64bc	3.35	3.34	3.45	3.44	-	3.32	3.64a	
Standard deviation		0.630	0.599	0.410	0.437	0.508	0.584	-	0.669	0.729	0.488	0.666	0.652	0.600	0.682	-	0.664	0.488	
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Q_4. Additional funding should go to councils' children's services budgets to tackle the funding gap: To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?
Base: All respondents

	Total	Party				Type of Peerage		Length of Service					Date of Birth				Gender		
		Con (a)	Lab (b)	Lib Dem (c)	Crossbench/Other (d)	Life (a)	Hereditary (b)	Before 1960 (a)	1960 - 1979 (b)	1980 - 1994 (c)	1995 - 2004 (d)	2005 or later (e)	Before 1940 (a)	1940 - 1949 (b)	1950 - 1959 (c)	1960 or later (d)	Male (a)	Female (b)	
Unweighted row	94	27	31	18	18	81	13	-	6	12	41	35	23	45	26	-	66	28	
Total	94	30	21	11	32	78	16	-	7	14	39	34	27	43	24	-	66	28	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	
Disagree strongly	(1.00)	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	
		1%	4%	-%	-%	1%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	3%	-%	-%	5%	-%	2%	-%	
Tend to disagree	(2.00)	8	6	-	1	2	5	3	-	-	1	2	5	1	4	3	-	5	3
		8%	19%	-%	6%	6%	6%	18%	-%	-%	8%	4%	15%	4%	9%	12%	-%	8%	10%
Tend to agree	(3.00)	39	13	7	4	14	28	11	-	6	7	15	11	13	15	11	-	27	12
		41%	44%	35%	33%	44%	36%	68%	-%	85%	50%	37%	33%	48%	35%	44%	-%	41%	42%
Agree strongly	(4.00)	41	4	14	7	16	40	1	-	1	4	22	14	11	22	7	-	27	13
		43%	15%	65%	61%	50%	51%	7%	-%	15%	26%	56%	42%	40%	53%	31%	-%	41%	48%
Don't know		6	6	-	-	4	1	-	-	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	-	6	-
		6%	19%	-%	-%	6%	7%	-%	-%	16%	3%	7%	8%	3%	9%	-%	8%	-%	
NETS																			
Disagree		9	7	-	1	2	6	3	-	-	1	2	6	1	4	4	-	6	3
		10%	22%	-%	6%	6%	8%	18%	-%	-%	8%	4%	19%	4%	9%	16%	-%	9%	10%
Agree		79	18	21	10	31	68	12	-	7	10	36	25	24	37	18	-	54	25
		84%	59%	100%	94%	94%	86%	75%	-%	100%	76%	93%	75%	88%	88%	75%	-%	82%	90%
Mean score		3.35	2.86	3.65a	3.56a	3.44a	3.44b	2.88	-	3.15	3.21	3.53	3.22	3.39	3.45	3.11	-	3.33	3.38
Standard deviation		0.697	0.773	0.490	0.629	0.608	0.692	0.527	-	0.385	0.626	0.589	0.856	0.583	0.672	0.827	-	0.713	0.673
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Q_5. 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: To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about local government in England and Wales?
Base: All respondents

	Total	Party				Type of Peerage		Length of Service					Date of Birth				Gender		
		Con (a)	Lab (b)	Lib Dem (c)	Crossbench/Other (d)	Life (a)	Hereditary (b)	Before 1960 (a)	1960 - 1979 (b)	1980 - 1994 (c)	1995 - 2004 (d)	2005 or later (e)	Before 1940 (a)	1940 - 1949 (b)	1950 - 1959 (c)	1960 or later (d)	Male (a)	Female (b)	
Unweighted row Total	94	27	31	18	18	81	13	-	6	12	41	35	23	45	26	-	66	28	
	94	30	21	11	32	78	16	-	7	14	39	34	27	43	24	-	66	28	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-%	100%	100%	
Disagree strongly	(1.00)	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	
		2%	7%	-%	-%	3%	-%	-%	-%	-%	3%	3%	-%	3%	5%	-%	3%	-%	
Tend to disagree	(2.00)	10	7	1	1	8	2	-	1	2	5	2	5	3	2	-	9	2	
		11%	22%	6%	6%	10%	14%	-%	15%	16%	12%	7%	19%	7%	10%	-%	13%	6%	
Tend to agree	(3.00)	47	14	7	4	36	11	-	6	6	13	22	13	19	14	-	29	18	
		50%	48%	35%	33%	46%	72%	-%	85%	42%	33%	65%	50%	45%	59%	-%	44%	65%	
Agree strongly	(4.00)	28	4	12	6	27	1	-	-	4	19	6	7	15	5	-	20	8	
		30%	15%	58%	56%	34%	7%	-%	-%	26%	48%	17%	27%	36%	22%	-%	30%	29%	
Don't know		6	2	-	1	5	1	-	-	2	2	2	1	4	1	-	6	-	
		7%	7%	-%	6%	7%	7%	-%	-%	16%	5%	7%	4%	10%	5%	-%	10%	-%	
NETS																			
Disagree		13	9	1	1	10	2	-	1	2	6	4	5	4	3	-	11	2	
		13%	30%	6%	6%	13%	14%	-%	15%	16%	15%	11%	19%	9%	14%	-%	17%	6%	
Agree		75	19	20	9	27	12	-	6	9	32	28	21	34	20	-	49	26	
		80%	63%	94%	89%	80%	79%	-%	85%	68%	81%	82%	77%	81%	81%	-%	74%	94%	
Mean score		3.15	2.76	3.52 ^{ad}	3.53 ^{ad}	3.13	2.92	-	2.85	3.12	3.32	3.03	3.09	3.26	3.04	-	3.12	3.23	
Standard deviation		0.723	0.829	0.631	0.638	0.493	0.756	-	0.385	0.729	0.811	0.645	0.702	0.728	0.742	-	0.792	0.554	
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