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Drastische Verluste von Labour bei Teilkommunalwahlen

Bei den Teilkommunalwahlen in England haben die britischen Konservativen ihren in den zurückliegenden Jahren erworbenen Status als stärkste Kommunalpartei weiter ausbauen können.

Erstmals in ihrer Parteigeschichte kontrolliert Labour keinen einzigen Kreis in England mehr.

Die tiefen Erschütterungen durch den Abrechnungsskandal im britischen Unterhaus haben alle großen Parteien betroffen. Die Projektion des Kommunalwahlergebnisses auf die Parlamentswahlen gibt den Tories deshalb einen geringeren Vorsprung, als noch in den zurückliegenden Wochen erwartet.

Danach kämen sie landesweit auf 38%, die Liberaldemokraten auf 28%, Labour auf ein historisches Tief von 23%, und die anderen Parteien auf 11%. Zur Wahl standen die Repräsentanten in insgesamt 34 Kommunalvertretungen.

Die Tories konnten die Zahl ihrer kommunalen Mandatsträger um 233 auf insgesamt 1476 erhöhen, während Labour 273 verlor und mit nur noch landesweit 176 Abgeordneten auf den dritten Platz nach den Liberaldemokraten abrutscht.

Die Libdems konnten als großen Triumph die Übernahme der Stadt Bristol feiern, verloren aber ihre Mehrheit in Devon an die Konservativen.

Bemerkenswert sind die Erfolge der Tories in Derbyshire, wo Labour seit 1981 klare Mehrheiten hatte, sowie in Staffordshire, Lancashire und Nottinghamshire, die ebenfalls seit 25 Jahren von Labour kontrolliert waren.

Party	Councillors		Councils	
	+ / –	Total	+ / –	Total
CON	+ 233	1476	+ 7	30
LD	– 4	473	– 1	1
LAB	– 273	176	– 4	0
OTH	+ 37	164	0	0
NOC	–	–	– 2	– 3
34 of 34 councils officially declared.				



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Die Ergebnisse der Kommunalwahlen sind für die Labour Party niederschmetternd, weil ihre bisherigen Hochburgen geschliffen wurden. Wenn sie dort nicht mehr gewinnen, können sie es anderswo erst recht nicht.

Hier einige der Wahlergebnisse im Detail, zusammengestellt von Martha Varney:

Bristol – Liberal Democrat gain from no overall control

Council had had no overall control since 2003

Key issues: local incinerators, council tax, school closures, transport

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Liberal Democrat	32	+ 4	36
Conservative	13	+ 4	17
Labour	24	– 8	16
Green	1	0	1

Cambridgeshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: road pricing, council tax, efficiency

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	42	0	42
Liberal Democrat	23	0	23
Labour	4	– 2	2
Green	0	+ 1	1

Cumbria – no overall control

Council has had no overall control since 2001

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	32	+ 6	38
Labour	39	– 15	24
Liberal Democrat	10	+ 6	16
Independents	3	+ 2	5
Others	0	+ 1	1

Derbyshire – Conservative gain from Labour

Conservatives last had control of the council in 1981

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	14	+ 19	33
Labour	37	– 16	21
Liberal Democrat	10	– 2	8
Independents	2	– 2	0
Others	0	+ 1	1

Devon – Conservative gain from Liberal Democrats

Conservatives last had control of the council in 1989

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	23	+ 18	41
Liberal Democrat	33	– 19	14
Labour	4	0	4
Independents	2	0	2
Green	0	+ 1	1

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Dorset – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2001

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	25	+ 3	28
Liberal Democrat	15	+ 1	16
Independents	1	0	1
Labour	4	– 4	0

East Sussex

Council has been under Conservative control since 2001

Key issues: parking charges, council tax, efficiency

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	29	0	29
Liberal Democrat	13	0	13
Labour	5	– 1	4
Independents	2	+ 1	3

Essex – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: public services, efficiency

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	50	+ 10	60
Liberal Democrat	8	+ 4	12
Independents	2	0	2
Labour	13	– 12	1
Others	2	– 2	0

Gloucestershire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2005

Key issues: local incinerators, council tax, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	33	+ 9	42
Liberal Democrat	14	– 1	13
Labour	12	– 8	4
Independents	3	– 2	1
Green	0	+ 1	1
Others	1	+ 1	2

Hampshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: council tax

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	45	+ 6	51
Liberal Democrat	28	– 3	25
Labour	4	– 3	1
Independents	1	– 1	0
Others	0	+ 1	1

Hertfordshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2001

Key issues: road spending, efficiency, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	46	+ 9	55
Liberal Democrat	14	+ 3	17
Labour	16	– 13	3
Green	1	0	1
BNP	0	+ 1	1

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Kent – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: local freight interchange, efficiency

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	57	+ 17	74
Liberal Democrat	6	+ 1	7
Labour	20	– 18	2
Independents	1	+ 1	2
Others	0	+ 1	1

Lancashire – Conservative gain from Labour

Labour had had control of the council since 1989

Key issues: economy, council tax

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	33	+ 18	51
Labour	43	– 27	16
Liberal Democrat	4	+ 6	10
Independents	2	+ 1	3
Green	1	+ 1	2
BNP	0	+ 1	1
Others	1	0	1

Leicestershire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2001

Key issues: unemployment, council tax, empowering people

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	31	+ 5	36
Liberal Democrat	11	+ 3	14
Labour	13	– 9	4
BNP	0	+ 1	1

Lincolnshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: immigration

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	46	+ 14	60
Liberal Democrat	8	– 3	5
Labour	19	– 15	4
Independents	4	– 1	3
Others	0	+ 5	5

Norfolk – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: councillors' pay, council tax, environment, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	47	+ 13	60
Liberal Democrat	13	0	13
Green	2	+ 5	7
Labour	22	– 19	3
Ukip	0	+ 1	1

North Yorkshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2001

Key issues: village schools, anti-social behaviour, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	42	+ 6	48
Liberal Democrat	16	– 5	11
Independents	7	+ 4	11
Labour	7	– 6	1
Liberal	0	+ 1	1

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Northamptonshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2005

Key issues: council tax, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	45	+ 11	56
Liberal Democrat	8	+ 1	9
Labour	20	– 14	6
Independents	0	+ 2	2

Nottinghamshire – Conservative gain from Labour

Labour had had control of the Council since 1981

Key issues: local tram extension, council spending, care homes

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	26	+ 9	35
Labour	35	– 22	13
Liberal Democrat	5	+ 4	9
Independents	1	+ 1	2
Ukip	0	+ 1	1
Others	0	+ 7	7

Oxfordshire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2005

Key issues: environment, local incinerators, proposed local eco-town, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	44	+ 8	52
Liberal Democrat	15	– 5	10
Labour	8	+ 1	9
Green	5	– 3	2
Independents	2	– 1	1

Somerset – Conservative gain from Liberal Democrats

Conservatives last had control of the council in 1989

Key issues: education, council tax

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	24	+ 11	35
Liberal Democrat	30	– 9	21
Labour	4	– 2	2

Staffordshire – Conservative gain from Labour

Labour had had control of the council since 1981

Key issues: health, efficiency

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	27	+ 22	49
Liberal Democrat	2	+ 2	4
Ukip	0	+ 4	4
Labour	32	– 29	3
Independents	1	+ 1	2

Suffolk – Conservative hold¹

Council has been under Conservative control since 2005

Key issues: council tax, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	44	Tbc.	Tbc.
Labour	20	Tbc.	Tbc.
Liberal Democrat	9	Tbc.	Tbc.

¹ At the time of writing the Conservatives had held control of Suffolk County Council, but counting had been delayed, with full seat totals expected on Monday 8th June.

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Surrey – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: children's services, green spaces

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	59	– 3	56
Liberal Democrat	12	+ 1	13
Residents Assoc.	7	+ 2	9
Labour	2	– 1	1
Independents	0	+ 1	1

Warwickshire – Conservative gain from no overall control

Council had had no overall control since 1989

Key issues: education, public services

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	28	+ 11	39
Liberal Democrat	10	+ 2	12
Labour	22	– 12	10
Independents	1	– 1	0
Others	1	0	1

West Sussex – Council has been under Conservative control since 1997

Key issues: efficiency, environment, road safety

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	47	+ 1	48
Liberal Democrat	16	+ 5	21
Labour	7	– 5	2

Worcestershire – Conservative hold

Council has been under Conservative control since 2005

Key issues: health, council's communications budget

Party	Past Councillors	Change	2009 Councillors
Conservative	30	+ 12	42
Liberal Democrat	8	0	8
Labour	15	– 22	3
Liberal	2	– 1	1
IKHH ²	1	Tbc.	Tbc.
Independents	1	– 1	0
Others	0	+ 1	1

² Independent Kidderminster Hospital and Health Concern