

<b>Committee:</b> Public Relations/Economic Development Sub	<b>Date(s):</b> 3 July 2014	<b>Item no.</b>
<b>Subject:</b> London Borough Elections 2014 – Results	<b>Public</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Public Relations	<b>For information</b>	
<b><u>Summary</u></b>		
<p>On Thursday 22 May local elections took place across the 32 London Boroughs, as well as Mayoral elections in Hackney, Lewisham, Newham, and Tower Hamlets. The leadership in all of the City's surrounding Boroughs remained the same with Labour strengthening its position in Camden, Islington, Lambeth and Southwark. Labour now controls 20 London Boroughs, a majority of Boroughs across the capital. Labour performed very strongly overall, while the Conservatives performed less well and the Liberal Democrats suffered heavy losses across London. UKIP gained their first London Councillors in an all up election. All four of the incumbent Mayors were re-elected in Hackney, Lewisham, Newham and Tower Hamlets.</p>		
<b><u>Recommendations</u></b>		
<p>Members are recommended to note the information in this report and the two appendices.</p>		

### **Main Report**

1. On Thursday 22 May local elections took place across the 32 London Boroughs, as well as Mayoral elections in Hackney, Lewisham, Newham, and Tower Hamlets.
2. Labour performed very strongly overall; as expected, they gained control of Merton and Redbridge (from No Overall Control) and Croydon (from the Conservatives), as well as, unexpectedly, gaining Hammersmith & Fulham (from the Conservatives) and comfortably winning Harrow despite competing against an independent Labour slate. However, John Biggs failed to become Mayor of Tower Hamlets, despite Labour confidently predicting a victory and Biggs being odds-on favourite on election day.
3. The leadership in all of the City's surrounding Boroughs remained the same with Labour strengthening its position in Camden, Islington, Lambeth and Southwark. Labour now controls 20 London Boroughs, a majority of Boroughs across the capital. As a corollary, Labour could now command a majority in London Councils, though a collegiate, all-party approach has been maintained in recent times.

Party	Boroughs controlled in 2014	Boroughs controlled in 2010
Labour	20	16
Conservatives	9	11
Liberal Democrats	1	2
Tower Hamlets First	1	1
No Overall Control	1	2

Party	Number of councillors (comparison to 2010)
Labour	1063 (+201)
Conservative	613 (-111)
Liberal Democrat	115 (-118)
Independent	2 (-15)
Tower Hamlets First	18 (+18)
UKIP	12 (+12)
Green	4 (+1)
Residents	24 (+6)

4. The Conservatives performed less well, despite gaining Kingston from the Liberal Democrats. While the losses of Croydon (to Labour) and Havering (to No Overall Control) had been expected, the loss of Hammersmith & Fulham as a flagship Conservative Council was a shock result.
5. The Liberal Democrats suffered heavy losses across London; they lost Kingston to the Conservatives and lost all their representation in a number of Boroughs including Islington and Lambeth. Sutton is now the only Liberal Democrat controlled Borough in London and there are 18 London Boroughs with no Lib Dem councillors whatsoever (compared to 5 for the Conservatives and 2 for Labour).
6. UKIP gained their first London Councillors in an all up election (previously UKIP councillors had been gained through defections and by-elections). The Greens will be disappointed that the moderate gains for which they had hoped did not materialise, especially in Camden and Lewisham.
7. In terms of the Mayoral elections, all four of the incumbent Mayors were re-elected, Jules Pipe in Hackney with 60.3% of the first preference votes, Sir Steve Bullock in Lewisham with 50.8% of the first preference votes, Sir Robin Wales in Newham with 61.2% of the first preference votes and Lutfur Rahman in Tower Hamlets with 52.3% of the vote after second preferences were reassigned. Interestingly in Tower Hamlets 88% of the second preferences went to Labour's John Biggs, which strongly suggests that the other parties were encouraging their supporters to transfer to him ahead of Rahman.

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### Appendix 1: Breakdown of Results in Surrounding London Boroughs

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Tower Hamlets First</b>	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>Overall Control</b>
Camden	40 (+10)	12 (+2)	1 (-12)		1 (0)		38.69%	Labour Hold
Hackney	50 (0)	4 (0)	3 (0)				42.89%	Labour Hold
Islington	47 (+12)		0 (-13)		1 (+1)		38.4%	Labour Hold
Lambeth	59 (+15)	3 (-1)	0 (-15)		1 (+1)		32%	Labour Hold
Southwark	48 (+13)	2 (-1)	13 (-12)				n/a	Labour Hold
Tower Hamlets	20 (-21)	4 (-4)	0 (-1)	0 (-1)		18 (+18)	n/a	Tower Hamlets First (owing to victory in Mayoral election)
Westminster	16 (+4)	44 (-4)					32.35%	Conservatives Hold

## Appendix 2: Breakdown of Results in Other London Boroughs

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>UKIP</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>Overall Control</b>
Barking and Dagenham	51 (0)							38.16%	Labour Hold
Barnet	27 (+9)	32 (-7)	1 (-2)					41.1%	Conservative Hold
Bexley	15 (+4)	45 (-7)		3 (+3)				n/a	Conservative Hold
Brent	56 (+16)	6 (-11)		1 (-5)				33%	Labour Hold
Bromley	7 (+4)	51 (-2)	0 (-4)	2 (+2)				n/a	Conservative Hold
Croydon	40 (+7)	30 (-7)						38%	Labour Gain from Conservative
Ealing	53 (+13)	12 (-12)	4 (-1)					41.3%	Labour Hold
Enfield	41 (+5)	22 (-5)						38.14%	Labour Hold
Greenwich	43 (+3)	8 (-3)						37.25%	Labour Hold
Hammersmith and Fulham	26 (+11)	20 (-11)						38%	Labour Gain from Conservative
Haringey	48 (+14)		9 (-14)					38.1%	Labour Hold
Harrow	34	26 (-1)	1			2 (+1)		41%	Labour Hold
Havering	1 (-4)	22 (-11)		7 (+7)		0 (-12)	24 (+20)	43%	NOC gain from Conservative

Hillingdon	23 (+4)	42 (-4)						35.76%	Conservative Hold
Hounslow	49 (+14)	11 (-14)						36.8%	Labour Hold
Kensington & Chelsea	12 (+3)	37 (-2)	1 (-1)					n/a	Conservative Hold
Kingston upon Thames	2 (+2)	28 (+7)	18 (-9)					n/a	Conservative gain from Liberal Democrat
Lewisham	53 (+14)	0 (-2)	0 (-12)		1 (0)			37.2%	Labour Hold
Merton	36 (+8)	20 (-7)	1 (-1)			0 (-3)	3 (+3)	41%	Labour Gain from NOC
Newham	60 (0)							40.62%	Labour Hold
Redbridge	35 (+9)	25 (-5)	3 (-4)					39.7%	Labour gain from NOC
Richmond Upon Thames		39 (+9)	15 (-9)					46.13%	Conservative Hold
Sutton	45 (+2)	9 (-2)						42.2%	Liberal Democrat Hold
Waltham Forest	44 (+7)	16 (-2)	0 (-5)					59.22%	Labour Hold
Wandsworth	19 (+6)	41 (-6)						n/a	Conservative Hold