

**New Local Government Network Poll - May 2008**  
**Note - 18+ with Political questions included J33611**  
**(Coded, all data) 15th -18th May 2008 - GB General Public 18+ - Telephone Omnibus**

Table 1

**Q1. Do you know the name of your local council leader? By council leader I mean the councillor chosen by the other councillors in the ruling party group to head the council. Please let me reassure you that this is not a test.**  
**(LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION - COUQ1)**

Base : All asked

	Gender		Age						Social Class				Work Status				Unwtd. Total	
	(x)	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	AB (i)	C1 (j)	C2 (k)	DE (l)	Full-time (m)	Part-time (n)	Unemploye d (o)		Other not working (p)
Unweighted Total	1004	454	550	89	160	191	176	170	218	270	313	190	231	466	127	36	375	1004
Weighted Total	1004	486	518	119*	167	196	166	152	204	260	293	207	244	462	145	33*	364	1004
Yes	290	140	150	25	33	55	45	55	77	82	79	57	72	121	44	6	118	293
	29% <sup>d</sup>	29%	29%	21%	19%	28%	27%	37% <sup>xcd</sup>	38% <sup>xcd</sup>	31%	27%	27%	29%	26%	30%	20%	32%	29%
No	714	346	368	94	134	142	121	96	127	178	214	150	172	341	101	27	246	711
	71% <sup>gh</sup>	71%	71%	79% <sup>gh</sup>	81% <sup>xgh</sup>	72% <sup>h</sup>	73% <sup>h</sup>	63%	62%	69%	73%	73%	71%	74%	70%	80%	68%	71%

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		Owner occupied (a)	Rented HA/ Council/Trust (b)	Rented private (c)	Other (d)	North (e)	Midlands (f)	South (g)	Conservative (h)	Labour (i)	Lib Dem (j)	Other (k)	
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Yes	290 29% <b>cg</b>	218 30% <b>c</b>	53 31% <b>c</b>	17 18%	2 14%	106 32% <b>g</b>	98 31%	86 24%	87 29%	67 28%	42 29%	30 37% <b>g</b>	293 29%
No	714 71%	508 70%	120 69%	76 82% <b>xab</b>	11 86%	230 68%	214 69%	270 76% <b>xek</b>	213 71%	174 72%	103 71%	51 63%	711 71%

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Table 3  
**COUQ2. To what extent do you support or oppose your council having a directly elected Mayor?**  
**(LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION - COUQ2)**

Base : All asked

	Total (x)	Gender		Age						Social Class				Work Status				Unwtd. Total
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	AB (i)	C1 (j)	C2 (k)	DE (l)	Full-time (m)	Part-time (n)	Unemploye d (o)	Other not working (p)	
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Strongly support	156 16%bn	92 19%xb	64 12%	10 9%	33 20%c	33 17%	21 13%	27 18%	31 15%	47 18%	40 14%	28 14%	42 17%	83 18%bn	14 9%	4 13%	55 15%	155
Tend to support	224 22%g	114 23%	110 21%	37 32%xfgh	43 26%g	57 29%xfgh	29 18%	21 14%	36 17%	51 20%	82 28%xil	47 23%	43 18%	111 24%	24 16%	6 18%	83 23%	218
Neither support nor oppose	224 22%ahj	91 19%	133 26%xa	31 26%h	51 30%xgh	46 23%	38 23%	26 17%	32 16%	59 23%	51 17%	57 27%j	57 23%	103 22%	43 30%xp	9 27%	69 19%	221
Tend to oppose	114 11%d	46 9%	68 13%	11 9%	7 4%	22 11% <b>d</b>	29 17% <b>xd</b>	19 13% <b>d</b>	26 13% <b>ad</b>	31 12%	25 9%	29 14%	28 12%	47 10%	25 17% <b>xmp</b>	4 13%	37 10%	119
Strongly oppose	180 18%bcdk	107 22%xb	73 14%	11 10%	11 7%	27 14% <b>d</b>	36 22% <b>cde</b>	40 27% <b>xcde</b>	54 27% <b>xcde</b>	48 18%	70 24% <b>xkl</b>	24 12%	38 15%	81 18%	24 16%	2 7%	73 20%	186
Don't know	106 11%aem	36 7%	70 14% <b>xa</b>	18 15% <b>e</b>	22 13% <b>e</b>	12 6%	12 7%	18 12%	25 12% <b>e</b>	24 9%	25 9%	22 11%	36 15% <b>xj</b>	16 8%	7 11%	7 22% <b>xm</b>	47 13% <b>m</b>	105
<b>Combinations - Summary Support</b>	380 38% <b>bfm</b>	206 42% <b>xb</b>	174 34%	48 40%	76 46% <b>xfgh</b>	90 46% <b>xfgh</b>	51 30%	48 32%	67 33%	98 38%	122 41%	75 36%	85 35%	195 42% <b>xn</b>	37 26%	10 31%	138 38% <b>n</b>	373
<b>Oppose</b>	294 29% <b>cd</b>	153 32%	140 27%	22 19%	18 11%	49 25% <b>d</b>	65 39% <b>xcde</b>	60 39% <b>xcde</b>	80 39% <b>xcde</b>	79 31%	95 33%	53 26%	66 27%	128 28%	49 34%	7 20%	110 30%	305
<b>Net support</b>	86 9% <b>bfghn</b>	52 11% <b>xb</b>	34 7%	25 21% <b>xfgh</b>	58 35% <b>xcefgh</b>	41 21% <b>xfgh</b>	-14 -9%	-12 -8%	-13 -6%	19 7%	26 9%	22 11%	19 8%	66 14% <b>xnp</b>	-11 -8%	4 11%	28 8% <b>n</b>	68

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Tend to support	224 22%	156 21%	38 22%	26 28%	4 30%	68 20%	68 22%	88 25%	69 23%	68 28%xe	30 21%	15 18%	218 22%
Neither support nor oppose	224 22%	162 22%	35 20%	24 26%	3 24%	81 24%i	76 24%i	68 19%	59 20%	42 18%	26 18%	16 19%	221 22%
Tend to oppose	114 11%	84 12%	17 10%	10 11%	2 16%	33 10%	39 13%	41 12%	27 9%	24 10%	24 17%xeh	17 20%xeghi	119 12%
Strongly oppose	180 18%c	142 20%xc	29 17%	7 8%	2 13%	59 18%	52 17%	68 19%	67 22%xt	41 17%	32 22%	12 15%	186 19%
Don't know	106 11%a	62 9%	31 18%xa	13 14%	-	38 11%	30 9%	39 11%	33 11%	18 7%	11 8%	10 12%	105 10%
<b>Combinations - Summary Support</b>	<b>380</b> 38%	<b>276</b> 38%	<b>60</b> 35%	<b>38</b> 41%	<b>6</b> 47%	<b>125</b> 37%	<b>115</b> 37%	<b>140</b> 39%	<b>115</b> 38%	<b>116</b> 48%xefghj k	<b>52</b> 36%	<b>27</b> 33%	<b>373</b> 37%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>294</b> 29%c	<b>226</b> 31%xc	<b>46</b> 27%	<b>18</b> 19%	<b>4</b> 29%	<b>93</b> 28%	<b>91</b> 29%	<b>109</b> 31%	<b>93</b> 31%	<b>65</b> 27%	<b>56</b> 39%xefi	<b>29</b> 35%	<b>305</b> 30%
<b>Net support</b>	<b>86</b> 9%ajk	<b>50</b> 7%	<b>13</b> 8%	<b>20</b> 22%xab	<b>2</b> 18%	<b>32</b> 9%jk	<b>24</b> 8%jk	<b>31</b> 9%jk	<b>22</b> 7%jk	<b>51</b> 21%xefghj k	<b>-4</b> -3%	<b>-2</b> -2%	<b>68</b> 7%

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Table 5  
**COUQ3. And to what extent do you support or oppose other major cities in the UK having a directly elected Mayor, like they/we do in London?**  
**(LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION - COUQ3)**

Base : All asked

	Total (x)	Gender		Age						Social Class				Work Status				Unwtd. Total
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	AB (i)	C1 (j)	C2 (k)	DE (l)	Full-time (m)	Part-time (n)	Unemploye d (o)	Other not working (p)	
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Tend to support	252 25%gh	125 26%	127 25%	32 27%	54 32%xgh	61 31%xgh	39 24%	29 19%	37 18%	65 25%	85 29%l	53 25%	49 20%	130 28%	35 24%	5 15%	82 23%	250 25%
Neither support nor oppose	335 33%	153 31%	182 35%	36 31%	59 35%	57 29%	60 36%	50 33%	72 35%	88 34%	86 29%	72 35%	88 36%	145 31%	58 40%	10 29%	122 34%	340 34%
Tend to oppose	75 7%	38 8%	37 7%	9 8%	7 4%	19 10%	15 9%	14 9%	11 5%	16 6%	24 8%	13 6%	22 9%	37 8%	14 10%	-	24 7%	73 7%
Strongly oppose	86 9%cd	49 10%	38 7%	2 2%	7 4%	17 9%cd	16 10%cd	16 11%cd	28 14%xcd	18 7%	34 12%xk	11 5%	23 9%	39 8%	10 7%	2 7%	35 10%	88 9%
Don't know	104 10%aem	29 6%	75 14%xa	17 15%e	16 10%	11 5%	16 10%	16 11%	27 13%e	19 7%	27 9%	25 12%	33 13%i	30 6%	16 11%	11 32%xmnp	47 13%xm	102 10%
<b>Combinations - Summary Support</b>	405 40%bhl	218 45%xb	187 36%	54 46%h	78 47%fh	93 47%xfh	58 35%	56 37%	66 32%	119 46%xl	122 41%l	85 41%	78 32%	211 46%xnp	47 32%	10 32%	136 37%	401 40%
<b>Oppose</b>	161 16%d	86 18%	75 14%	11 9%	14 8%	36 18%d	31 19%cd	30 20%cd	39 19%cd	34 13%	59 20%xik	24 12%	45 18%	76 16%	24 17%	2 7%	59 16%	161 16%
<b>Net support</b>	243 24%bghln	131 27%	112 22%	43 36%xfgh	65 39%xfgh	56 29%fgh	27 16%	26 17%	26 13%	85 33%xjl	63 22%l	61 30%jl	34 14%	135 29%xnp	23 16%	8 25%	77 21%	240 24%

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Tend to support	252 25%	184 25%	36 21%	30 32%b	3 20%	76 23%	73 23%	103 29%k	75 25%	77 32%xefk	35 24%	14 17%	250 25%
Neither support nor oppose	335 33%gi	249 34%	53 31%	27 29%	6 44%	119 35%gi	120 38%xghi	96 27%	93 31%	64 26%	49 34%	30 37%	340 34%
Tend to oppose	75 7%	51 7%	15 9%	10 10%	-	26 8%	21 7%	28 8%	25 8%	17 7%	18 12%xf	7 9%	73 7%
Strongly oppose	86 9%c	64 9%	17 10%	3 3%	2 13%	27 8%	23 7%	36 10%k	31 10%k	19 8%	13 9%	2 3%	88 9%
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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>161 16%</b>	<b>115 16%</b>	<b>32 18%</b>	<b>13 14%</b>	<b>2 13%</b>	<b>53 16%</b>	<b>44 14%</b>	<b>64 18%</b>	<b>56 18%</b>	<b>36 15%</b>	<b>31 21%f</b>	<b>9 11%</b>	<b>161 16%</b>
<b>Net support</b>	<b>243 24%bj</b>	<b>183 25%b</b>	<b>27 16%</b>	<b>31 33%xb</b>	<b>3 24%</b>	<b>71 21%</b>	<b>74 24%j</b>	<b>99 28%hj</b>	<b>67 22%</b>	<b>86 36%xefghj</b>	<b>23 16%</b>	<b>23 28%j</b>	<b>240 24%</b>

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