

Independents in Local Government

The May 2019 local elections were particularly successful for LGA Independent Group members with our group growing by over 700 new members compared to the same elections in 2015. This factsheet sets out where our Group Members are running councils and working hard on the backbenches to make a difference for their residents.

Independent Councillors 2019/20

Councils with a LGA Independent Group Leader

As of April 2020 there are 33 councils with a LGA Independent Group Leader:

1	Anglesey
2	Ashfield
3	Blaenau Gwent
4	Burnley
5	Carmarthenshire
6	Ceredigion
7	City of London
8	Copeland
9	Cornwall
10	Denbighshire
11	East Devon
12	Elmbridge
13	Epsom and Ewell
14	Forest of Dean
15	Gwynedd
16	Hartlepool
17	Herefordshire
18	Isles of Scilly
19	Lewes
20	Malvern Hills
21	Merthyr Tydfil
22	Mid Devon
23	Middlesbrough
24	North Somerset
25	Powys
26	Redcar and Cleveland
27	Richmondshire
28	Rother
29	Torridge
30	Uttlesford
31	Waverley
32	Wrexham
33	Wyre Forest

Councils with LGA Independent Group Members in the administration

As well as those we lead, members of the Group are part of the administration in another 34 councils across England and Wales, meaning members are in the administration of 66 councils. The 34 councils are listed below:

1	Babergh
2	Basildon
3	Bedford
4	Bolsover
5	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
6	Broxtowe
7	Cheshire East
8	Colchester
9	Conwy
10	Denbighshire
11	Eden
12	Glamorgan
13	Guildford
14	Hart
15	Lancaster
16	Maidstone
17	Mansfield
18	Mendip
19	Mid Suffolk
20	North Kesteven
21	Nottinghamshire
22	Oxfordshire
23	Pembrokeshire
24	Ryedale
25	Scarborough
26	South Oxfordshire
27	Southend-on-Sea
28	Staffordshire Moorlands
29	Stoke on Trent
30	Swale
31	Tandridge
32	Tendring
33	Warwick
34	York

Councils with LGA Independent Group Members

In total LGA Independent Group members have been elected to represent local people in 281 authorities across England and Wales, that's 77% of the total number of councils in England and Wales.

Of these, 188 of the councils have declared a Climate Emergency ¹

The full list of where our members have been elected is below:

Organisation	Region
Adur District Council	South East
Allerdale Borough Council	North West
Alyesbury Vale District Council	South East
Amber Valley Borough Council	East Midlands
Arun District Council	South East
Ashfield District Council	East Midal
Ashford Borough Council	South East
Aylesbury Vale District Council	South East
Babergh District Council	East Midlands
Barnsley Metropolitan Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Basildon Borough Council	East of England
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	South East
Bassetlaw District Council	East Midlans
Bath & North East Somerset Council	South West
Bedford Borough Council	East of England
Birmingham City Council	West Midlands
Blaby District Council	East Midlands
Blackpool Council	North West
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	Wales
Bolsover District Council	East Midlands
Bolton Council	North West
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	East of England
Boston Borough Council	East Midlands
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	South West
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Braintree District Council	East of England
Breckland Council	East of England
Brentwood Borough Council	East of England
Bridgend County Borough Council	Wales
Brighton & Hove City Council	South East
Bristol City Council	South West
Bromsgrove District Council	West Midlands
Broxtowe Borough Council	South East
Buckinghamshire County Council	South East

¹ As of February 2020. Up to date information on which councils have declared a climate emergency is available at: <https://www.climateemergency.uk/>

Burnley Borough Council	North West
Bury Council	North West
Caerphilly County Borough Council	Wales
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	Yorkshire and the humber
Cambridge City Council	East of England
Cambridgeshire County Council	East of England
Camden Council	London
Cannock Chase District Council	West Midlands
Cardiff County Council	Wales
Carlisle City Council	North West
Carmarthenshire County Council	Wales
Caste Point Borough Council	East of England
Central Bedfordshire Council	East of England
Ceredigion County Council	Wales
Charnwood Borough Council	East Midlands
Chelmsford City Council	East of England
Cheltenham Borough Council	South West
Cherwell District Council	South East
Cheshire East Council	North West
Cheshire West and Chester Council	East Midlands
Chesterfield Borough Council	East Midlands
Chichester District Council	South East
Chorley Borough Council	North West
City & County of Swansea	Wales
City of London Corporation	London
City of York Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Colchester Borough Council	East of England
Conwy County Borough Council	Wales
Copeland Borough Council	North West
Cornwall Council	South West
Cotswold District Council	South West
Council of the Isles of Scilly	South West
Coventry City Council	West Midlands
Craven District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Cumbria County Council	North West
Dacorum Borough Council	East of England
Darlington Borough Council	North East
Dartford Borough Council	South East
Denbighshire County Council	Wales
Derby City Council	East Midlands
Derbyshire Dales District Council	East Midlands
Devon County Council	South West
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Dorset County Council	South West
Dover District Council	South East
Durham County Council	North East
East Cambridgeshire District Council	East of England
East Devon District Council	South West

East Hampshire District Council	South East
East Herts Council	East of England
East Lindsey District Council	East Midlands
East Northamptonshire Council	East Midlands
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
East Staffordshire Council	West Midlands
East Suffolk District Council	East of England
East Sussex County Council	South East
Eastleigh Borough Council	South East
Eden District Council	North West
Elmbridge Borough Council	South East
Epping Forest District Council	East of England
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	South East
Essex County Council	East of England
Exeter City Council	South West
Fareham Borough Council	South East
Fenland District Council	East of England
Flintshire County Council	Wales
Folkestone & Hythe District Council	South East
Forest of Dean District Council	South West
Fylde Borough Council	North West
Gedling Borough Council	East Midlands
Gloucestershire County Council	South West
Gravesham Borough Council	South East
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	East of England
Guildford Borough Council	South East
Gwynedd Council	Wales
Hambleton District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Hampshire County Council	South East
Harrogate Borough Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Hart District Council	South East
Hartlepool Borough Council	North East
Hastings Borough Council	South East
Havant Borough Council	South East
Herefordshire Council	West Midlands
High Peak Borough Council	North West
Horsham District Council	South East
Huntingdonshire District Council	East of England
Isle of Anglesey County Council	Wales
Isle of Wight Council	South East
Islington Council	London
Kent County Council	South East
Kettering Borough Council	East Midlands
King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council	East of England
Kirklees Metropolitan Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	North West

Lambeth London Borough Council	London
Lancashire County Council	North West
Lancaster City Council	North West
Leeds City Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Lewes District Council	South East
Lichfield District Council	West Midlands
Lincolnshire County Council	East Midlands
Liverpool City Council	North West
London Borough of Havering	London
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	London
Maldon District Council	East of England
Malvern Hills District Council	West Midlands
Mansfield District Council	East Midlands
Medway Council	South East
Melton Borough Council	East Midlands
Mendip District Council	South West
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	Wales
Merton London Borough Council	London
Mid Devon District Council	South West
Mid Suffolk District Council	East of England
Mid Sussex District Council	South East
Middlesbrough Council	North East
Mole Valley District Council	South East
Monmouthshire County Council	Wales
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	Wales
New Forest District Council	South East
Newark & Sherwood District Council	East Midlands
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	North East
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	West Midlands
Newport City Council	Wales
Norfolk County Council	East of England
North Devon District Council	South West
North Dorset District Council	South West
North East Derbyshire District Council	East Midlands
North East Lincolnshire Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
North Kesteven District Council	East Midlands
North Norfolk District Council	East of England
North Somerset Council	South West
North Tyneside Council	North East
North West Leicestershire District Council	East Midlands
North Yorkshire County Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Northumberland County Council	North East
Norwich City Council	East of England
Nottingham City Council	East Midlands
Nottinghamshire County Council	East Midlands
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council	West Midlands
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Oxford City Council	South East

Oxfordshire County Council	South East
Pembrokeshire County Council	Wales
Peterborough City Council	East of England
Portsmouth City Council	South East
Powys County Council	
Reading Borough Council	South East
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	North East
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	South East
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	Wales
Richmondshire District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Rochford District Council	East of England
Rossendale Borough Council	North West
Rother District Council	South East
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames	London
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead	South East
Runnymede Borough Council	South East
Rushcliffe Borough Council	East Midlands
Rutland County Council	East Midlands
Ryedale District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Salford City Council	North West
Scarborough Borough Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Sedgemoor District Council	South West
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Selby District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Sevenoaks District Council	South East
Sheffield City Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Shropshire Council	West Midlands
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	West Midlands
Somerset and West Taunton District Council	South West
Somerset County Council	South West
South Cambridgeshire District Council	East of England
South Holland District Council	East Midlands
South Kesteven District Council	East Midlands
South Lakeland District Council	North West
South Northamptonshire Council	East Midlands
South Oxfordshire District Council	South East
South Somerset District Council	South West
South Staffordshire District Council	West Midlands
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	North East
Southampton City Council	South East
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	East of England
Spelthorne Borough Council	South East
St Albans City and District Council	East of England
St Helens Council	North West
Stafford Borough Council	West Midlands

Staffordshire County Council	West Midlands
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	West Midlands
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	North East
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	West Midlands
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	West Midlands
Stroud District Council	South West
Suffolk County Council	East of England
Sunderland City Council	North East
Surrey County Council	South East
Surrey Heath Borough Council	South East
Sutton London Borough Council	London
Swale Borough Council	South East
Swansea City and County Council	Wales
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Tamworth Borough Council	West Midlands
Tandridge District Council	South East
Teignbridge District Council	South West
Telford and Wrekin Council	West Midlands
Tendring District Council	East of England
Tewkesbury Borough Council	South West
Thanet District Council	South East
Thurrock Council	East of England
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	South East
Torbay Council	South West
Torfaen County Borough Council	Wales
Torrige District Council	South West
Tower Hamlets Council	London
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	South East
Uttlesford District Council	East of England
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council	Wales
Vale of White Horse District Council	South West
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Yorkshire and the Humber
Warrington Borough Council	North West
Warwick District Council	West Midlands
Warwick District Council	West Midlands
Warwickshire County Council	West Midlands
Waverley Borough Council	South East
Wealden District Council	South East
West Berkshire District Council	South East
West Devon Borough Council	South West
West Lancashire Borough Council	North West
West Lindsey District Council	East Midlands
West Oxfordshire District Council	East Midlands
West Suffolk District Council	East of England
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Wiltshire Council	South West

Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	North West
Woking Borough Council	South East
Wokingham Borough Council	South East
Worcester City Council	West Midlands
Worcestershire County Council	West Midlands
Worthing Borough Council	South East
Wrexham County Borough Council	Wales
Wychavon District Council	West Midlands
Wycombe District Council	South East
Wyre Borough Council	North West
Wyre Forest District Council	West Midlands