

# Local Government Association – Future MPs research January 2015

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 101 politicians likely to be Members of Parliament after the 2015 General Election (50 incumbent MPs and 51 PPCs likely to win their seats), online and by paper self-completion questionnaire between 28<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. Data were weighted by party to seat calculation in the House of Commons based on the most recent 3 month average of ComRes voting intention polls. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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**Q1: Core local government funding from central government will have fallen by 40% by the end of this Parliament. Which of the following statements comes closest to how you feel about spending on local government services in your constituency (such as libraries, road maintenance and social care services)?**

Base: All Respondents

	SAMPLE		PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				GENDER		
	Total	Incumbent MPs	PPCs	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng -land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	101	50	51	18	70	11	2	80	6	15	20	11	22	27	75	26
Weighted Total	101	56	45	39	49	3	10	75	7	19	19	17	19	20	82	19
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Local government should have more cuts in funding in the next parliament compared to this one	4	4	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	-	4	-
	4%	6%	-	6%	3%	-	-	3%	10%	4%	-	-	11%	-	4%	-
Local government should have a similar level of cuts in funding in the next parliament compared to this one	24	11	14	22	2	1	-	21	3	1	8	6	4	2	24	1
	24%	19%	30%	56%	4%	18%	-	28%	40%	4%	39%	39%	23%	12%	29%	4%
Local government should have less cuts in funding in the next parliament compared to this one	51	30	21	13	27	2	10	34	4	13	7	7	10	10	41	10
	50%	53%	47%	33%	54%	45%	100%	45%	50%	70%	36%	43%	51%	51%	49%	55%
Local government should have no cuts in funding in the next parliament	20	12	8	-	19	1	-	16	-	4	5	1	3	7	13	8
	20%	21%	18%	-	39%	36%	-	21%	-	22%	25%	5%	15%	37%	15%	41%
Not stated	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
	2%	-	5%	6%	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	13%	-	-	3%	-
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Less / no cuts	71	42	29	13	46	3	10	50	4	17	12	8	13	17	53	18
	70%	74%	65%	33%	93%	82%	100%	67%	50%	93%	61%	48%	66%	88%	64%	96%

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**Q2: Policy in each of the following areas is currently designed, and its delivery set out, in Whitehall. Which, if any, of the following policy areas do you believe should be designed and delivered by local government in England?**

Base: All Respondents

	SAMPLE		PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				GENDER		
	Total	Incumbent MPs	PPCs	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	101	50	51	18	70	11	2	80	6	15	20	11	22	27	75	26
Weighted Total	101	56	45	39	49	3	10	75	7	19	19	17	19	20	82	19
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Integrated transport (e.g. powers to franchise bus services)	69	36	33	22	39	3	5	53	4	12	12	12	16	53	16	
	68%	65%	73%	56%	80%	100%	50%	70%	60%	63%	64%	74%	62%	82%	65%	85%
Support for businesses and entrepreneurs	57	30	27	15	29	3	10	39	4	14	10	8	9	12	44	13
	56%	54%	59%	39%	60%	82%	100%	52%	60%	74%	49%	48%	47%	61%	54%	68%
Joining up of public service budgets	57	32	25	22	28	2	5	45	3	9	13	10	9	12	45	12
	56%	57%	55%	56%	57%	64%	50%	60%	40%	48%	67%	58%	50%	63%	54%	64%
Skills and jobs	48	23	25	13	33	2	-	40	2	6	9	8	9	15	36	12
	48%	41%	56%	33%	67%	64%	-	54%	29%	30%	45%	45%	46%	77%	43%	66%
None of the above	14	6	8	11	4	-	-	11	2	1	1	2	5	3	14	-
	14%	11%	18%	28%	7%	-	-	14%	30%	7%	4%	13%	26%	14%	17%	-
Not stated	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	1%	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	4%	1%	-

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**Q3: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "In the next parliament, adult social care funding from government should be protected in the same way as NHS funding."**

Base: All Respondents

	SAMPLE		PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				GENDER		
	Total	Incumbent MPs	PPCs	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	101	50	51	18	70	11	2	80	6	15	20	11	22	27	75	26
Weighted Total	101	56	45	39	49	3	10	75	7	19	19	17	19	20	82	19
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	33	17	16	4	27	2	-	28	1	4	4	2	11	11	24	9
	33%	30%	36%	11%	56%	45%	-	37%	20%	22%	22%	10%	57%	55%	29%	51%
Tend to agree	44	23	21	15	18	2	10	29	3	12	8	6	8	7	35	8
	43%	40%	47%	39%	36%	45%	100%	39%	40%	63%	41%	39%	41%	34%	43%	45%
Tend to disagree	15	12	2	13	1	*	-	11	3	1	4	4	*	2	15	-
	15%	22%	5%	33%	3%	9%	-	15%	40%	4%	22%	26%	2%	11%	18%	-
Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	9	4	5	6	3	-	-	7	-	2	3	4	-	-	9	1
	9%	8%	11%	17%	6%	-	-	10%	-	11%	15%	26%	-	-	10%	4%
<b>Nets</b>																
Agree	77	40	37	19	45	3	10	57	4	16	12	8	19	18	59	18
	76%	71%	83%	50%	91%	91%	100%	76%	60%	85%	63%	48%	98%	89%	72%	96%
Disagree	15	12	2	13	1	*	-	11	3	1	4	4	*	2	15	-
	15%	22%	5%	33%	3%	9%	-	15%	40%	4%	22%	26%	2%	11%	18%	-