

Local Government Association – MPs research January 2015

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 150 MPs online and by paper self-completion questionnaire between 28th January and 3rd March 2015. Data were weighted to reflect the exact composition of the House of Commons in terms of party representation and regional constituency distribution. 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

	PARTY					COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER	
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	49	84	8	9	113	14	23	23	20	28	42	25	51	74	40	50	37	23	6	6	15	26	20	22	55	119	31
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	27	46	77	38	54	34	23	8	4	16	27	17	21	57	122	28
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	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	12	9	2	-	-	9	1	2	-	3	4	2	2	3	7	3	5	2	1	2	-	-	4	-	-	5	12	-
	8%	13%	4%	-	-	7%	15%	9%	-	8%	10%	6%	7%	6%	9%	8%	10%	5%	6%	23%	-	-	17%	-	-	9%	9%	-
Local government should have a similar level of cuts in funding in the next parliament compared to this one	38	35	3	-	-	35	2	1	6	11	13	5	7	8	23	9	14	6	10	2	1	3	2	6	8	17	33	5
	25%	50%	5%	-	-	29%	24%	4%	35%	34%	36%	14%	26%	18%	30%	23%	25%	17%	43%	24%	14%	20%	7%	37%	36%	29%	27%	18%
Local government should have less cuts in funding in the next parliament compared to this one	65	23	31	8	3	53	5	8	8	12	12	20	9	22	34	15	24	18	8	3	2	5	13	8	8	27	48	17
	44%	33%	52%	61%	47%	43%	50%	44%	48%	38%	33%	55%	33%	49%	44%	40%	45%	51%	35%	35%	47%	33%	48%	45%	38%	47%	39%	63%
Local government should have no cuts in funding in the next parliament	33	1	23	5	3	24	1	8	3	4	8	9	9	13	11	9	11	9	4	1	2	7	8	3	6	6	28	5
	22%	2%	39%	39%	53%	20%	11%	43%	17%	14%	21%	25%	34%	28%	14%	24%	20%	27%	16%	17%	39%	47%	29%	18%	27%	11%	23%	19%
Not stated	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	1%	3%	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	3%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	-
Net																												
Less / no cuts	98	24	54	13	6	77	6	15	11	17	20	29	18	35	45	25	35	27	12	4	3	13	20	11	14	33	76	23
	66%	34%	91%	100%	100%	63%	60%	87%	65%	52%	54%	80%	67%	76%	59%	64%	65%	78%	51%	53%	86%	80%	76%	63%	64%	58%	62%	82%

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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?

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Integrated transport (e.g. powers to franchise bus services)	109	43	50	12	5	92	5	12	10	19	30	33	19	37	53	29	42	25	14	4	3	14	20	13	14	41	89	21
	73%	60%	83%	90%	77%	74%	57%	70%	57%	60%	79%	90%	70%	81%	69%	75%	77%	72%	62%	53%	86%	88%	74%	73%	64%	73%	72%	75%
Joining up of public service budgets	90	37	37	13	3	79	3	8	13	13	25	27	20	28	42	22	36	20	13	4	4	10	19	9	11	34	71	20
	60%	52%	62%	100%	54%	64%	35%	44%	80%	42%	67%	74%	74%	61%	55%	57%	66%	58%	57%	53%	100%	61%	71%	52%	50%	60%	58%	72%
Skills and jobs	65	15	37	12	1	56	2	7	6	8	12	30	12	18	36	17	23	16	10	2	2	7	12	6	6	30	51	15
	44%	22%	62%	88%	21%	45%	26%	41%	35%	25%	31%	82%	44%	38%	47%	45%	42%	45%	42%	22%	39%	45%	47%	36%	29%	53%	41%	54%
Support for businesses and entrepreneurs	65	17	33	11	3	54	3	8	6	10	14	24	9	22	33	20	21	15	9	2	2	6	14	8	6	28	53	12
	43%	24%	55%	87%	54%	44%	35%	44%	39%	30%	36%	66%	34%	49%	43%	51%	38%	43%	42%	22%	39%	40%	51%	44%	27%	50%	43%	43%
None of the above	17	13	3	-	-	12	2	2	1	7	3	2	3	6	8	1	7	4	4	2	-	2	2	2	4	5	15	2
	11%	19%	6%	-	-	10%	24%	13%	3%	22%	9%	4%	12%	13%	10%	4%	13%	13%	17%	23%	-	12%	7%	11%	21%	9%	12%	7%
Not stated	3	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
	2%	3%	1%	-	-	2%	6%	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	3%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	3%	2%	2%

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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."

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Strongly agree	52	11	36	3	3	40	4	8	8	3	11	17	10	20	22	14	19	15	4	4	3	7	6	5	10	17	38	14
	35%	15%	60%	22%	45%	33%	45%	45%	48%	11%	30%	47%	39%	43%	28%	37%	35%	43%	18%	53%	72%	43%	24%	30%	47%	29%	31%	51%
Tend to agree	61	33	18	7	3	52	3	5	7	16	14	15	15	16	30	14	22	12	13	2	1	6	14	7	2	28	47	14
	40%	47%	30%	52%	48%	43%	31%	30%	39%	50%	38%	42%	54%	35%	39%	36%	40%	35%	56%	24%	28%	37%	53%	42%	12%	49%	38%	49%
Tend to disagree	22	17	3	2	*	19	2	1	2	4	10	2	2	4	16	4	8	5	4	2	-	2	3	4	7	5	22	-
	15%	24%	5%	15%	7%	15%	24%	7%	13%	14%	26%	6%	7%	9%	21%	11%	15%	16%	19%	23%	-	12%	12%	20%	32%	8%	18%	-
Strongly disagree	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	4	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	5	-
	4%	7%	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	8%	4%	4%	-	8%	2%	4%	5%	4%	-	-	-	8%	5%	7%	-	2%	4%	-
Don't know	10	5	3	2	-	7	-	3	-	5	1	-	-	2	7	5	3	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	6	10	-
	7%	7%	5%	12%	-	5%	-	17%	-	17%	4%	-	-	5%	10%	12%	5%	2%	7%	-	-	-	6%	-	9%	11%	8%	-
Nets																												
Agree	113	44	54	10	6	92	7	13	15	20	25	33	25	36	52	28	41	27	17	6	4	13	21	13	13	44	85	28
	75%	62%	90%	73%	93%	75%	76%	76%	87%	61%	67%	90%	93%	78%	67%	73%	75%	78%	74%	77%	100%	80%	77%	72%	59%	78%	70%	100%
Disagree	27	22	3	2	*	24	2	1	2	7	11	4	2	8	18	6	11	7	4	2	-	3	4	5	7	6	27	-
	18%	31%	5%	15%	7%	19%	24%	7%	13%	22%	29%	10%	7%	17%	23%	14%	20%	19%	19%	23%	-	20%	17%	28%	32%	11%	22%	-