

Local Election Candidate Survey - Final - Printable Version

Q1 Could you tell us whether you were elected or not at the 2012 election? Please tick only one.

- Elected (1)
- Not elected (2)

Q2 Did you ever stand for election to a principal authority, eg. London or metropolitan borough, district or county council, before 2012? Please tick only one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q3 Please tick the boxes below to show all the years that you stood as a candidate for election and any years that you won the council seat

	Candidate but not elected (1)	Candidate and elected (2)
2011 (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2010 (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2009 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2008 (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2007 (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2006 (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005 (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004 (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003 (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2002 (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2001 (11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2000 (12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1999 (13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1998 (14)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1997 (15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1996 (16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1995 (17)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1994 (18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1993 (19)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1992 (20)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1991 (21)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1990 (22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4 Please tick in the 'Yes' boxes below for any of the activities that apply to you and also tick the 'Before standing' boxes if this occurred before you first stood as a local election candidate

	Yes (1)	Before standing (2)
Stood as a Parliamentary candidate (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Held a local party office (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Held office in charitable organisation (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Held office in professional association (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Held office in a trades union (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Held office in women's organisation (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Served on a public body (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Had a position of responsibility in a local pressure group (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Had a position of responsibility in a local community group (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5 When you stood for the 2012 election what was your estimation of the probability of winning this seat on a scale of 0 - 10? Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ My estimate of the probability of winning was... (1)

Q6 Do you currently live in the ward for which you stood at the recent election? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q7 Have you ever lived in the ward for which you recently stood? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q8 For how long have you been a member of the party that you represented at the 2012 election?
Please tick one.

- Not a member (4)
- Less than 1 year (3)
- More than 1 year (2)
- More than 5 years (1)

Q9 Before the 2012 election were there more people seeking selection for your party in this ward than there were available seats? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q10 Did you apply for more than one seat in 2012? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q11 In your opinion why were you selected to contest this particular seat? (Tick as many as apply to you.)

- Incumbent (1)
- Previously a councillor (2)
- Local resident (3)
- Likely to win this seat (4)
- Good reputation (5)
- The only volunteer (6)
- Prepared to stand as paper candidate (7)

Q12 Some candidates have information leaflets to be delivered to ward residents. In this recent campaign did you have a campaign leaflet for distribution? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q13 How much personal input did you have into the content of your election leaflet?Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ My personal input was about (1)

Q14 Did you deliver your own campaign leaflets in your ward?Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q15 Approximately how many hours a week in total did you spend campaigning?Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ Time spent delivering campaign leaflets (1)

Q16 Did you have any help in delivering these leaflets?Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q17 Approximately how many hours a week was the average time spent by others delivering your campaign leaflets?Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ Time spent by others (1)

Q18 Was your leaflet delivered to all of the addresses in your ward?Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q19 Approximately what % of addresses was leafleted?Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ Addresses leafleted (1)

Q20 Did you help deliver campaign leaflets in another ward? Tick all that apply.

	Did you campaign in another ward?		What did you do? Tick all that apply.		
	Yes (1)	No (2)	Leafleting (1)	Door-Canvassing (2)	Telephone-Canvassing (3)
Campaigning in other wards (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q21 When you prepared the campaign leaflet how important was it to include the following information for voters? Please tick one for each statement.

	Very important (1)	Quite important (2)	Not very important (3)	Not at all important (4)
Your personal background (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your previous political experience (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your record of local community involvement (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your competency for public office (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comment on the record of other parties/councillors (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your party's local priorities (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your party's national priorities (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political party information to increase membership (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political party information to recruit volunteer workers for campaign (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information on how to donate money to the local campaign (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q22 During the recent election did you do any of your campaigning online? (e.g. website, blog, facebook, twitter etc...)Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q23 If you did campaign online, which of the following did you use in your campaign? Tick all that apply.

- Facebook (1)
- Twitter (2)
- Personal Blog (3)
- Personal Website (4)
- Other (5)

Q24 If you ticked 'Other' for online campaigning. Can you please give greater detail?

Q25 If you did campaign online, do you think that your online presence made a difference to the effectiveness of your campaign in any of the following areas? Please tick one for each statement.

	Very Effective (1)	Somewhat effective (2)	Not particularly effective (3)	Made no difference (4)
Raising my overall profile amongst voters in general (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping to recruit volunteer workers for my campaign (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping to encourage current volunteers to offer more of their time (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping to raise funds for the local campaign/party (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing local party membership (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actually recruiting more people to vote for me (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaining coverage from the local media (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q26 If you did campaign online, how much personal input did you have in compiling the content of your online campaign media? Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ Personal input (1)

Q28 If you did campaign, approximately what percentage of your time did you spend on each of the following campaign activities? Please indicate your estimation for each by marking the scale below.

- _____ Distributing Leaflets (6)
- _____ Door canvassing (1)
- _____ Telephone canvassing (2)
- _____ Internet campaigning (3)
- _____ Organising Postal Votes (5)
- _____ Other (4)

Q29 If you have allocated some hours to 'Other', can you please give greater detail about these activities.

Q30 Did you 'knock up' or 'fetch out' voters on polling day using lists of 'promises' based on canvass returns? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q31 On polling day were some of your 'promises' contacted by telephone to remind them to vote? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q32 Overall, did you enjoy campaigning? Please tick one.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q33 In general, when it comes to being safe from fraud and abuse, how safe or unsafe would you say that voting is? Tick one

- Very Safe (1)
- Fairly Safe (2)
- Neither safe nor unsafe (3)
- Fairly Unsafe (4)
- Very Unsafe (5)

Q34 How much, if at all, do you think that electoral fraud took place at these elections? Tick one

- A lot (1)
- A little (2)
- Hardly at all (3)
- Not at all (4)
- Don't Know (5)

Q35 Did you witness any incidents that you believe constituted electoral fraud at these elections, and if so did you formally report this to anyone? Tick all that apply.

- I did not witness any fraud (1)
- I witnessed fraud but did not report it formally (2)
- I witnessed fraud and reported it to the returning officer/election staff (3)
- I witnessed fraud and reported it to the police (4)

Q36 In local elections many incumbents seeking re-election are successful. Below is a list of possible explanations for why this might be the case. Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
Incumbents have greater experience gained from working on the council (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enjoy a higher local profile than their challengers (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incumbents put more personal effort into their re-election campaigns (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incumbents are able to recruit more volunteers for their campaigns (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incumbents have a stronger relationship with local media (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support from among local voters is consistent and reliable (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incumbents no longer have an advantage (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q37 Almost all adults are eligible to become local councillors, yet relatively few come forward to be candidates. Do you agree or disagree with these possible reasons for the non-involvement of most citizens? Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
Being a councillor is too time consuming (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillors don't have the power to make a difference (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillors are insufficiently paid (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intrusive media coverage of personal life may discourage some people from standing (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political parties dominate local government and this discourages people who don't want a party allegiance (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political parties should recruit some local candidates who are not party members (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q38 One of the aims of recent modernisation initiatives in local government is to attract a greater cross-section of people to serve as councillors. Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
There should be more women as councillors (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There should be more younger (18-35 years) people as councillors (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There should be more Black, Asian and minority ethnic people as councillors (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater social diversity amongst councillors would improve the public image of local government (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q39 Do you agree or disagree with the following general explanations of why there are relatively few women in local politics? Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
Women are not interested in politics (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women don't have the confidence for politics (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women put their families above a political career (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women don't like the confrontational style of politics (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women are put off by the councillor stereotype of white, male and middle aged (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, local parties don't do enough to recruit women candidates (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, too few women come forward to be candidates (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q40 Do you agree or disagree with the following general explanations of why there are relatively few people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds in local politics? Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
BAMEs are not interested in politics (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAMEs don't have the confidence for politics (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAMEs put their families above a political career (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAMEs don't like the confrontational style of politics (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAMEs are put off by the councillor stereotype of white, male and middle aged (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, local parties don't do enough to recruit Black, Asian and minority ethnic candidates (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, too few Black, Asian and minority ethnic people come forward to be candidates (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q41 Do you agree or disagree with the following general explanations of why there are relatively few younger people (18-35 years age group) in local politics? Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
Younger people are not interested in politics (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Younger people don't have the confidence for politics (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Younger people put their families above a political career (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Younger people don't like the confrontational style of politics (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Younger people are put off by the councillor stereotype of white, male and middle aged (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, local parties don't do enough to recruit younger people (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, too few younger people come forward to be candidates (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q42 In your opinion which of these reasons account for councillors standing down after just one four-year term? Please tick on any that apply

- They have achieved what they set out to do (1)
- Being a councillor is too time consuming (2)
- Find it difficult to get time off work for council meetings (3)
- Can't balance family commitments with council duties (4)
- Councillors don't have the power to make a difference (5)
- Councillors are insufficiently paid (6)
- Councillors receive insufficient support from the council (7)
- Intrusive media coverage (8)
- Party political domination (9)

Q43 The following questions should be answered only by those who had experience as a councillor PRIOR to the 2012 election. Approximately how many hours a week did you spend on council duties? Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ Hours a week spent on council duties (1)

Q44 In your capacity as a councillor did you have additional responsibilities e.g. leader of the council, or other portfolio holder? Please insert that responsibility in the space below.

Q45 Approximately how much time did you spend travelling to and from a council meeting? Please indicate your estimation by marking the scale below.

_____ Hours travelling to and from each council meeting (1)

Q46 Approximately how frequently were you involved in the following activities relating to your position as a councillor? Please tick one for each statement.

	More than once a week (1)	More than once a month (2)	About once a month (3)	Less than once a month (4)	Never (5)
Hold ward surgeries (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circulate newsletter (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circulate e-newsletter (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive letters from residents (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive telephone call from residents (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive emails from residents (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact an MP on behalf of a resident (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend community events (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend party meeting (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact local media to publicise ward news (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approached by local reporters to give interviews (11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q47 How positive or negative were the following people in encouraging you to become a candidate the FIRST TIME you stood for election? Please tick one for each statement.

	Very positive (1)	Positive (2)	Neutral (3)	Negative (4)	Very negative (5)	Not applicable (6)
Your spouse or partner (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other family members (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal friends (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community groups (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business associates (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Party members (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local pressure groups (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's groups (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trades union (9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employers (10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q48 Thinking about your experience of standing for the first time, was the initial decision to put yourself forward for selection. Tick one.

- Entirely your own decision (1)
- Consequence of being approached or encouraged by others (2)

Q49 If you ticked 'Entirely your own decision' was this because...Please tick the one that most applies

- You saw it as an important step in beginning a career in politics (1)
- You felt strongly that you could make a difference (2)
- You did it for general volunteering reasons (3)
- You knew someone else who was serving on the council (4)

Q50 If you ticked 'Consequence of being approached or encouraged by others', was it because you were approached by...Please click on the one that most applies

- A serving councillor (1)
- A member of the local political party (2)
- A friend/neighbour (3)
- A member of a local trades union (4)
- A member of a local community group (5)
- A member of a local club, e.g. rotary club (6)
- Other (7)

Q51 If you ticked 'Other' for why you were approached. Can you please give greater detail

Q52 There are various initiatives that seek to encourage more members of the general public to become actively engaged in influencing and shaping local policy. Some, like directly elected mayors and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), are already in place while others are being discussed. What are your views about the following being implemented for your local area? Please tick one for each statement.

	Strongly Support Introduction (1)	Support Introduction (2)	Neutral (3)	Against Introduction (4)	Strongly Against Introduction (5)
Elected Mayors (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elected Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Referendums (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-Petitions (i.e. internet petitions) (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elected district judges (5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elected local magistrates (6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet polling of local citizens (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
'Recall' elections where councillors can be removed from office if a quarter of the local electorate petition for that to happen (8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q54 Please only answer this question if you have stood for election in Wales. Which of these statements come closest to your view? Please click only one option.

- There should be no devolved government in Wales. (1)
- The National Assembly for Wales should have fewer powers. (2)
- We should leave things as they are now. (3)
- The National Assembly for Wales should have more powers. (4)
- Wales should become independent, separate from the UK. (5)
- Don't know. (6)

Q55 Please only answer this question if you have stood for election in Wales. At present, the total amount of money that the Welsh Government can spend is decided by the UK Government in Westminster. The National Assembly for Wales has no powers to change the levels of taxes in Wales to increase or reduce the total amount of money the Welsh Government has to spend. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

- The Welsh Assembly should have the power to increase or reduce all taxes in Wales. (1)
- The Welsh Assembly should have the power to increase or reduce some, but not all, taxes in Wales, within limits agreed with the UK Government in Westminster. (2)
- The Welsh Assembly should not have any powers to increase or reduce taxes in Wales. (3)
- Don't know. (4)

Q56 Are you

- Male (1)
- Female (2)

Q57 What was your age last birthday?

Q58 Ethnic origin (Choose One)

- White British (incl Scots, Welsh & N. Irish) (1)
- Irish Republic (2)
- Other white (3)
- Asian British (4)
- Indian (5)
- Pakistani (6)
- Bangladeshi (7)
- Other Asian (8)
- White & Black Caribbean (9)
- White & Black African (10)
- White & Asian (11)
- Black British (12)
- Caribbean (13)
- Other Black (14)
- Chinese (15)
- Other (16)

Q59 Educational qualifications. Please tick the highest that you have obtained

- No qualifications (1)
- GCSEs or equivalent (2)
- "A" levels or equivalent (3)
- First degree (4)
- Higher degree (5)

Q60 Which of these best describes your current occupation Tick one.

- In full-time paid employment (1)
- In part-time paid employment (2)
- Self-employed (3)
- Permanently sick or disabled (4)
- In voluntary occupation (5)
- Registered unemployed (6)
- Full-time student (7)
- Retired (8)
- Looking after home/family (9)
- Other (please specify) (10)

Q61 If currently employed, what is your occupation, or if unemployed/retired what was your previous occupation? Please insert your occupation in the space below.

Q62 How would you describe your current or previous occupational status? Tick one.

- Professional occupation (1)
- Managerial and/or Technical occupation (2)
- Skilled occupation, non-manual (3)
- Skilled occupation, manual (4)
- Partly skilled occupation (5)
- Unskilled occupation (6)

End Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. All replies will remain confidential. If you would be willing to take part in a follow-up interview please write in a telephone contact number and/or an email address.

Telephone contact (1)

Email address (2)

If you wish, please use this box to comment about any matters raised in this survey (4)