

Scottish Local Elections 2017

GRAYLING'S SNAP ANALYSIS

Overview - Scottish Labour hit rock bottom as Tories make big gains and SNP hold numbers

The votes have been counted across Scotland's 32 local authorities and the results are in – although it won't be clear where the control lies across a number of councils until coalition deals are agreed in the coming days.

- As expected, Scottish Labour has lost votes across its central belt heartlands, with over 100 councillors lost and losing outright control of Glasgow to the SNP and coming third in Edinburgh. Only in East Lothian did Labour pick up an additional seat.
- SNP lose seats overall and overall control of Angus, the decision to campaign on IndyRef2 backfiring somewhat.
- SNP fell short of an overall majority in Glasgow. In Edinburgh, the SNP is the largest party with the Conservatives in second place. In Aberdeen the SNP become the largest party, leap-frogging Labour.
- The final picture is however complicated; the SNP has lost seats in councils such as Aberdeenshire and Moray and East Lothian, as a consequence of Brexit and IndyRef2, losing ground to the Conservatives who have increased its numbers by 164.
- The Conservative have had the greatest gains with success in areas of the country where it picked up Holyrood seats last year which points towards the party making gains at the General Election at the expense of the SNP.
- Lib Dems and Scottish Green Party remain small players, with marginal gains for the Greens and a mixture of gains and losses for the Lib Dems

Results – total number of councillors by party

	SNP	Labour	Con	Lib Dem	Green	Ind/other
2017	431	262	276	67	19	172
<i>Difference</i>	- 7	- 133	+164	- 3	+ 5	- 26

WINNERS



LOSERS



RESULTS BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

LOCAL AUTHORITY	2012 RESULT	2017 RESULT
Aberdeen City	Labour (Lab + Con + Ind)	NOC (SNP 19, Con 11, Lab 9, LD 4, IND 2)
Aberdeenshire	SNP (Con + LD + Ind)	NOC – (CON 23, SNP 21, LD 14, IND 10, LAB 1, GRN 1)
Angus	SNP (SNP majority)	NOC – (SNP 9, IND 9, CON 8, LD 2)
Argyll and Bute	Independent (Ind + SNP)	NOC – (SNP 11, IND 10, CON 9, LD 6)
Clackmannanshire	SNP (SNP minority)	NOC – (SNP 8, LAB 5, CON 5)
Dumfries and Galloway	Labour (Con + SNP)	NOC – (CON 16, LAB 11, SNP 11, IND 4, LD 1)
Dundee City	SNP (SNP majority)	NOC – (SNP 14, LAB 9, CON 3, LD 2, IND 1)
East Ayrshire	SNP (SNP + Con)	NOC – (SNP 14, LAB 9, CON 6, IND 3)
East Dunbartonshire	SNP (Lab + LD + Con)	NOC – (SNP 7, LD 6, CON 6, LAB 2, IND 1)
East Lothian	Labour (Lab + Con)	NOC – (LAB 9, CON 7, SNP 6)
East Renfrewshire	Labour (Lab + SNP + Ind)	NOC – (CON 7, SNP 5, LAB 4, IND 2)
City of Edinburgh	Labour (Lab + SNP)	NOC – (SNP 19, CON 18, LAB 12, GRN 8, LD 6)
Falkirk	Labour (Lab + Con + Ind)	NOC – (SNP 12, LAB 9, CON 7, IND 2)
Fife	Labour (Lab minority)	NOC – (SNP 29, LAB 24, CON 15, LD 7)
Glasgow City	Labour (Lab majority)	NOC – (SNP 39, LAB 31, CON 8, GRN 7)
Highland	Independent (SNP + LD + Lab)	NOC – (IND 28, SNP 22, LD 10, CON 10, LAB 3, GRN 1)
Inverclyde	Labour (Lab w/ Ind + Con support)	NOC – (LAB 8, SNP 7, IND 4, CON 2, LD1)

Midlothian	Labour (SNP + Green + Ind)	NOC – (LAB 7, SNP 6, CON 5)
Moray	SNP (Ind + Con)	NOC – (SNP 9, CON 8, IND 8, LAB 1)
Na h-Eileanan Siar	Independent	NOC – (IND 23, SNP 7, CON 1)
North Ayrshire	SNP (SNP minority)	NOC – (SNP 11, LAB 11, CON 7, IND 4)
North Lanarkshire	Labour (Lab majority)	NOC – (SNP 33, LAB 32, CON 10, IND 2)
Orkney	Independent	Independent (HOLD)
Perth and Kinross	SNP (SNP w/ Con support)	NOC – (CON 17, SNP 15, LD 4, IND 3, LAB 1)
Renfrewshire	Labour (Lab majority)	NOC – (SNP 19, LAB 13, CON 8, IND 2, LD 1)
Scottish Borders	Conservative (SNP + Ind + LD)	NOC – (CON 15, SNP 9, IND 8, LD 2)
Shetland	Independent	Independent (HOLD)
South Ayrshire	Conservative (Con w/ Lab + Ind support)	NOC – (CON 12, SNP 9, LAB 5, IND 2)
South Lanarkshire	Labour (Lab + LD + Con)	NOC – (SNP 27, LAB 22, CON 14, LD 1)
Stirling	SNP (Lab + Con)	NOC – (CON 9, SNP 9, LAB 4, GR 1)
West Dunbartonshire	Labour (Lab majority)	NOC – (SNP 10, LAB 8, CON 2, IND 2)
West Lothian	Labour (Lab w/ Con + Ind support)	NOC – (SNP 13, LAB 12, CON 7, IND 1)