

Women Council Leaders & Elected Mayors

The number of women leading local authorities in England has risen to 49 - an increase of just two on the 2014/15 municipal year.

- 14.7% of 2015/16 council leaders in England are women - a tiny increase from 14% in 2014/15.
- 17% of Labour leaders are women, and 13% of Conservative. These levels are about the same as in the previous year.
- Women are most likely to lead a London borough (25%) or a County Council (18%) and least likely to lead a Metropolitan borough (9%).
- Just 4 of the 16 elected mayors in England are women.

The 49 women Leaders are:

Authority	Type	2015/16 Leader	Party
Arun	Shire district	Gillian Brown	c
Babergh	Shire district	Jennie Jones	c
Bexley	London Borough	Teresa O'Neill	c
Bolsover	Shire district	Ann Syrett	l
Brentwood	Shire district	Louise McKinlay	c
Bromsgrove	Shire district	Margaret Sherrey	c
Camden	London Borough	Sarah Hayward	l
Cheshire West & Chester	Unitary	Samantha Dixon	l
Chiltern	Shire district	Isobel Darby	c
Coventry	Metropolitan	Ann Lucas	l
Derbyshire	County Council	Anne Western	l
Dorset	County Council	Deborah Croney	c
East Hertfordshire	Shire district	Linda Haysey	c
Fylde	Shire district	Sue Fazackerley	c
Greenwich	London Borough	Denise Hyland	l
Haringey	London Borough	Claire Kober	l
Lambeth	London Borough	Lib Peck	l
Lancashire	County Council	Jennifer Mein	l
Lancaster	Shire district	Eileen Blamire	l
Leeds	Metropolitan	Judith Blake	l
Luton	Unitary	Hazel Simmons	l
Maidstone	Shire district	Fran Wilson	ld
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Shire district	Elizabeth Shenton	l
North Dorset	Shire district	Deborah Croney	c
North Hertfordshire	Shire district	Lynda Needham	c
North Kesteven	Shire district	Marion Brighton	c
North Lincolnshire	Unitary	Liz Redfern	c
Northampton	Shire District	Mary Markham	c
Poole	Unitary	Janet Walton	c
Portsmouth	Unitary	Donna Jones	c
Reading	Unitary	Jo Lovelock	l

Redcar & Cleveland	Unitary	Sue Jeffrey	l
Richmondshire	Shire district	Yvonne Peacock	c
Rossendale	Shire district	Alyson Barnes	l
Ryedale	Shire district	Linda Cowling	c
Sheffield	Metropolitan	Julie Dore	l
South Ribble	Shire district	Margaret Smith	c
Staffordshire Moorlands	Shire district	Sybil Ralphs	c
Stevenage	Shire district	Sharon Taylor	l
Stockport	Metropolitan	Sue Derbyshire	ld
Surrey Heath	Shire district	Moira Gibson	c
Sutton	London Borough	Ruth Dombey	ld
Three Rivers	Shire district	Ann Shaw	ld
Torridge	Shire district	Jane Whittaker	c
Warwickshire	County Council	Izzi Seccombe	c
West Sussex	County Council	Louise Goldsmith	c
Westminster	London Borough	Philippa Roe	c
Wiltshire	Unitary	Jane Scott	c
Wychavon	Shire district	Linda Robinson	c

The four women Elected Mayors are:

Authority	Type	Mayor	Party
Doncaster	Metropolitan	Ros Jones	l
Mansfield	Shire district	Kate Allsop	ind
North Tyneside	Metropolitan	Norma Redfearn	l
Watford	Shire district	Dorothy Thornhill	ld

Correct as at 9 July 2015