

Elected Mayors

Mayors are elected for four year terms and have wide-ranging responsibilities in their authorities. They work together with elected councillors, but have acquired some of their powers. Hitherto, elected mayors have been instituted only after a 'yes' vote in a local referendum.

At the time of writing (October 2010) there are thirteen elected mayors in the UK. Of these, two (15%) are women. The current incumbents are:

Authority	Mayor	Party	Gender
Bedford	Dave Hodgson	LD	male
Doncaster	Peter Davies	Eng Dem	male
Hackney	Jules Pipe	Lab	male
Hartlepool	Stuart Drummond	Ind	male
Lewisham	Sir Steve Bullock	Lab	male
London	Boris Johnson	Con	male
Mansfield	Tony Egginton	Ind	male
Middlesbrough	Ray Mallon	Ind	male
Newham	Sir Robin Wales	Lab	male
North Tyneside	Lynda Arkley	Con	female
Torbay	Nick Bye	Con	male
Tower Hamlets	To be elected Oct 2010		male ¹
Watford	Dorothy Thornhill	LD	female

The Coalition Government has recently proposed to convert the current Leaders of the twelve largest local authorities into mayors without a referendum (although one would be held at some point in the future to confirm the new arrangements).

Of these twelve local authorities, three have women leaders. Adding them to the list above would increase the number of women mayors to five, and the percentage to 20%. The twelve largest authorities are:

Authority	Leader	Party	Gender
Birmingham	Mike Whitby	Con	male
Bradford	Ian Greenwood	Lab	male
Bristol	Barbara Janke	LD	female
Cardiff	Rodney Berman	LD	male
Coventry	John Mutton	Lab	male
Edinburgh	Jenny Dawe	LD	female
Glasgow	Gordon Matheson	Lab	male
Leeds	Keith Wakefield	Lab	male
Liverpool	Joe Anderson	Lab	male
Manchester	Richard Leese	Lab	male
Sheffield	Paul Scriven	LD	male
Wakefield	Peter Box	Lab	male

¹ All candidates on the ballot paper are male.