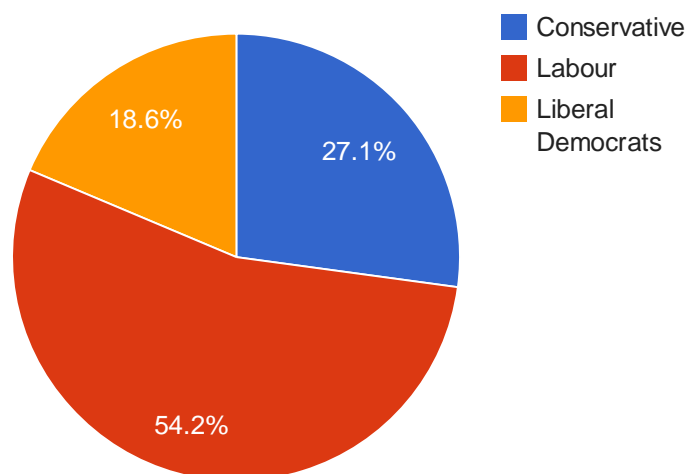
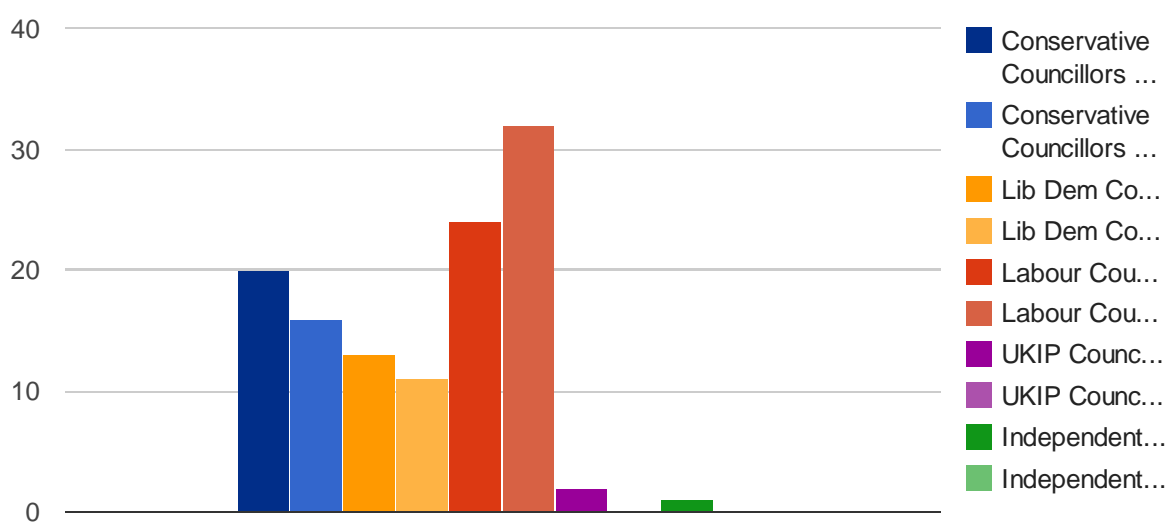


Borough Election Results 2012

Make-up of the council



Party changes after 2012 election






Ward Results - 03/05/12

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Con - Conservative
 Ind - Independent
 Lab - Labour
 Lib Dem - Liberal Democrats
 UKIP- United Kingdom Independance Party
 TUSAC - Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts

Audley and Bignall End

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Simon James BARNES	Con	179	
Philip Joseph MORGAN	Lab	609	
Ian Frank WILKES	Lib Dem	712	




Liberal Democrats Hold

Bradwell

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
John Henry TAGG	Con	391	
Glyn PLANT	Lab	972	
Julian COLCLOUGH	Lib Dem	70	




Labour gain from Conservative

Butt Lane

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Daniel Mark JELLYMAN	Con	128	
Silvia BURGESS	Lab	676	
Dennis John RICHARDS	Lib Dem	313	



Labour gain from Liberal Democrats

Chesterton

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Rita Margaret GILMORE	Con	219	
Hilda JOHNSON	Lab	804	
Mike DOLMAN	Lib Dem	147	

Labour Hold





Clayton

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Ann HEAMES	Con	514	
Rob WALLACE	Lab	431	

Mavis Christine BROWN	Lib Dem	97	
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Conservative Hold

Cross Heath

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Andrew Christopher FIRTH	Con	117	
Joan Mary WINFIELD	Lab	739	
David Edwin DUGDALE	Lib Dem	58	
Nathan BRITTAIN	UKIP	381	





Labour gain from UKIP

Halmer End

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Adam Robert CARNEY	Con	163	
Paul Roger BREUER	Lab	408	
Andrew Robert WEMYSS	Lib Dem	482	





Liberal Democrats Hold

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Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Alex CHADWICK	Con	30	
Sophia BAKER	Lab	458	
Dennis CORNES	Lib Dem	34	
Eileen BRAITHWAITE	UKIP	193	


Labour gain from UKIP



Kidsgrove

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
James VERNON	Con	153	
Reginald BAILEY	Lab	802	
Lynda Irene GRIFFITHS	Lib Dem	146	
Claire Elizabeth VODREY	TUSAC	109	





Labour Hold

May Bank




Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Ian John MATTHEWS	Con	869	

Stephen Peter HARRISON	Lab	538	
Michael Robert BIRKETT	Lib Dem	84	
Carol LOVATT	UKIP	210	




Conservative Hold**Newchapel**

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Pamela JELLYMAN	Con	248	
Elsie BATES	Lab	386	
Alan Roy BROOKES	Lib Dem	54	
Michael PROSSER	Ind	39	




Labour Hold**Porthill**

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
John COOPER	Con	422	
Steff FEATHERSTONE	Lab	373	
Eric Geoffrey DURBER	Lib Dem	34	
Derrick HUCKFIELD	UKIP	152	

Conservative Hold**Ravenscliffe**




Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Stephen Paul BLAIR	Con	191	
David STRINGER	Lab	446	
Geoffrey Lewis Edward LOCKE	UKIP	252	

Labour gain from Conservative**Seabridge**

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Chloe Sarah MANCEY	Con	668	
Danny WALKER	Lab	450	
Hilary Ann JONES	Lib Dem	114	






Conservative Hold**Talke**

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
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Nicola Marie RALPHS	Con	128	
Mike STUBBS	Lab	460	
Janet PARSONS	Lib Dem	267	





Labour gain from Conservative

Thistleberry

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Jonathan Richard FERNYHOUGH	Con	291	
Jim MATTHEWS	Lab	366	
Marion Lynne REDDISH	Lib Dem	757	
Maria Teresa FOY	UKIP	152	
Angela DRAKAKIS-SMITH	Ind	153	




Liberal Democrats Hold

Town

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Ian David GILMORE	Con	137	
Matt TAYLOR	Lab	465	
Michael Timothy SHENTON	Lib Dem	258	
Wayne HARLING	UKIP	88	






Labour gain from Liberal Democrats

Westlands

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
Linda HAILSTONES	Con	962	
Steve BAINBRIDGE	Lab	471	
Carol Elaine REDDISH	Lib Dem	169	

Conservative Hold

Wolstanton

Candidate	Party	Votes	% of Vote
John Andrew PEDDER	Con	359	
Colin John EASTWOOD	Lab	566	
Mark HAMMERSLEY	Lib Dem	131	
David WOOLLEY	UKIP	284	
Richard Terence STEELE	TUSAC	43	

Labour gain from Conservative

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Elections 2012: Lucky seven hold balance of power

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THOUSANDS of voters will go to the polls in Newcastle next month in an election where the balance of power could come down to just seven seats.

This is the number of wards that Labour needs to gain in order to win outright control of the local authority from the ruling Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition.

One third of the 60 seats across the borough will be up for grabs on May 3, with a total of 69 candidates in the frame.

The current political make-up of the council is 24 Labour councillors, 20 Conservatives, 13 Liberal Democrats, two UKIP councillors, and one Independent.

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Only the Conservatives are fielding candidates in all the available wards and they have already secured one Tory hold because Loggerheads and Whitmore will be uncontested.

Tory candidate Tracey Peers, from Onneley, is the sole candidate standing there. She is set to take over from retiring councillor Freda Myatt.

UKIP, which has shored up significant support in Newcastle in previous elections, is only entering eight candidates this time round. The wards include two seats where it has sitting councillors.

Council leader Stephen Sweeney, pictured, who also heads the Conservative group, said they were campaigning on a platform of delivering improvements for local residents.

He added: "Under Conservative leadership over the past six years, the council has gone from strength to strength."

But the Liberal Democrats are also hoping to capitalise on this record, as they have been sharing the reins of power in Newcastle since 2006.

In that time, the council has climbed up league tables, council tax has been frozen, and the authority has managed to balance its books without huge job losses. But controversies, such as the backlash against plans to sell off community green spaces, could count against the ruling parties.

And as local politics is rarely seen in isolation, the council elections could also be a litmus test of how the public view the Coalition Government's controversial programme of spending cuts.

Eddie Boden, Labour group leader, said: "I think you will feel the effect of what is happening nationally.

"We are going flat out to win in Newcastle. We are also fighting seats that we lost four years ago. Hopefully, seats like Porthill and Bradwell will return to Labour."



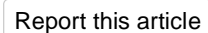
Labour will be defending four seats in May, with the Conservatives defending nine and the Liberal Democrats five.

One of the other retiring councillors is former mayor David Clarke, who has held the Town ward for the Liberal Democrats for 12 years.

The 69-year-old, from the Westlands, said: "I've had a marvellous time. The local Liberal Democrat party has achieved a lot in the last few years and has been a potent force. We are driving Newcastle Borough Council, which is now a very good council, offering value for money."

The Kidsgrove by-election, called after Kyle-Noel Taylor was forced to resign, will be held on May 10.

There are no council elections in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire Moorlands, and Cheshire East next month.

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 This Sentinel article neglects to mention that the Trade Unionist & Socialist Coalition (TUSC) will be standing candidates in Wolstanton and Kidsgrove. Why is this important? Because TUSC are the ONLY ones who are standing on a programme of fighting AGAINST cuts, closures and privatisation. Why is this stand necessary? Because New Labour no longer represent the interests of ordinary working class people. Labour councillors across the country are doing the ConDems government's dirty work by voting for and carrying out savage cuts. If you want more info about TUSC's policies and local campaign checkout <http://tinyurl.com/8yh66o6> (<http://tinyurl.com/8yh66o6>) and <http://tinyurl.com/ctg6gzv> (<http://tinyurl.com/ctg6gzv>)

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 As Labour has had a bad result four years ago I expect them to be challenging the Liberal Democrats in Audley & Bignall End, Talke and Town wards and the Conservatives in Newchapel, Ravenscliffe, Wolstanton, Clayton and Porthill. I would say these are the battlegrounds wards. I would be interested in any other views. Now these are in writing I will be interested to see the results in May!!!

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