2011 Local Government Election and AV Referendum Briefing[1]

In the south west, local elections took place in all districts except Cheltenham Borough Council, and in all unitary authorities except Wiltshire, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Torbay held a Mayoral election. There were no County Council elections. All parts of the south west participated in the Alternative Vote referendum.

Results in the south west generally mirror those for England; Conservative and Labour making gains at the expense of the Liberal Democrats. However, Labour are not traditionally strong in the south west, especially in rural areas, so their advances are not as pronounced as in other parts of the country such as the north. There remains a strong but reduced Independent presence.

2011 Local Authority Election Results

	Council results		Councillors	
Party	+ / -	Total	+ / -	Total
Conservative	+4	20	+45	829
Liberal Democrat	-1	1	-67	344
Labour	0	0	+27	156
Independent	-1	0	-23	115
Green	0	0	+4	13
UKIP	0	0	+1	1
Other	0	0	+2	2
No Overall Control	-2	11	-	-
	Total	**32**	**Total**	**1460**

Mayoral Election

Council	Type	Result
Torbay	Unitary	Conservative gain from Independent

Referendum on the Alternative Vote

	Yes	No
South West Turnout 44.6%	31.5%	68.5%
National Turnout 42.4%	32.1%	67.9%

Turnout and result in the south west were similar to the rest of the country. All voting areas in the region returned a 'no' to the referendum question. A breakdown of how each region voted can be found at http://bbc.in/kRWbM0.

[1] Data in this briefing sourced from the BBC website: http://bbc.in/i9EZJN, http://bbc.in/mbhhLM, http://bbc.in/kRWbM0, the Telegraph website: http://bit.ly/iOjH7g and the Guardian website http://bit.ly/kwe1PR.

Full results and downloadable data for each voting area can be found at http://bit.ly/iOjH7g.

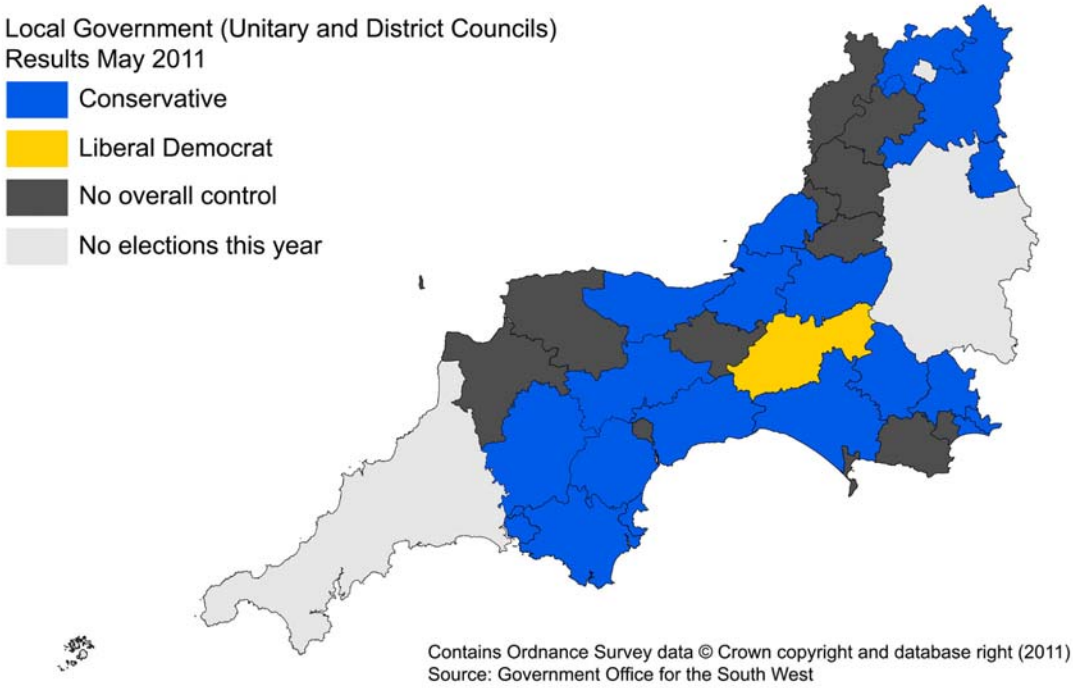
2011 Local Authority Election Results - detail

The table below shows which party has overall control in each local authority, and whether there has been a change since the last election. Detailed breakdown of results for each council can be found at http://bbc.in/i9EZJN and on individual council websites.

	Council	Type	Seats up for election	Result
	Bath & North East Somerset	Unitary	All	NOC hold
	Bournemouth	Unitary	All	Con hold
	Bristol	Unitary	Third	NOC gain from LibDem
	Christchurch	District	All	Con hold
	Cotswold	District	All	Con hold
	East Devon	District	All	Con hold
	East Dorset	District	All	Con hold
	Exeter	District	Third	NOC hold
	Gloucester	District	Third	Con gain from NOC
	Mendip	District	All	Con gain from NOC
	Mid Devon	District	All	Con gain from NOC
	North Devon	District	All	NOC gain from Con
	North Dorset	District	All	Con hold
	North Somerset	Unitary	All	Con hold
	Plymouth	Unitary	Third	Con hold
	Poole	Unitary	All	NOC gain from Con
	Purbeck	District	Third	NOC hold
	Sedgemoor	District	All	Con hold
	South Gloucestershire	Unitary	All	NOC hold
	South Hams	District	All	Con hold
	South Somerset	District	All	LibDem hold
	Stroud	District	Third	NOC gain from Con
	Swindon	Unitary	All	Con hold
	Taunton Deane	District	All	NOC hold
	Teignbridge	District	All	Con gain from NOC
	Tewkesbury	District	All	Con gain from NOC
	Torbay	Unitary	All	Con hold
	Torridge	District	All	NOC hold
	West Devon	District	All	Con gain from NOC
	West Dorset	District	All	Con hold
	West Somerset	District	All	Con gain from Ind
	Weymouth & Portland	District	Third	NOC hold

Key:
Con – Conservative
Ind – Independent
LibDem – Liberal Democrat
NOC – No overall control

Local Authority Election Results for the South West Region, May 2011



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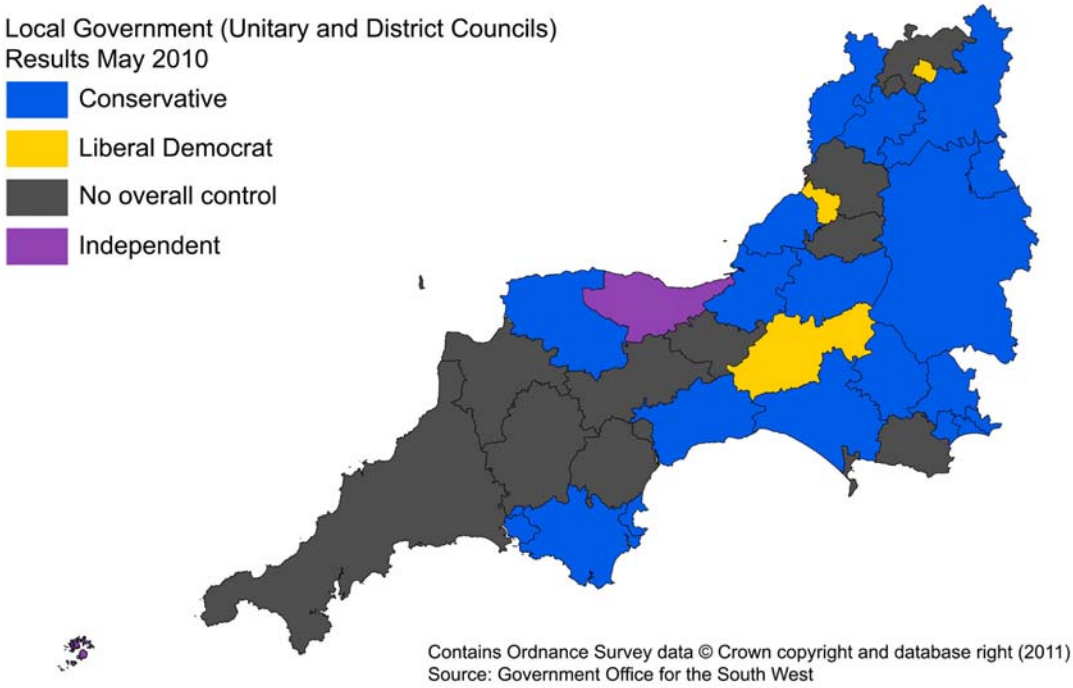

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