
The 2018 London Borough Elections

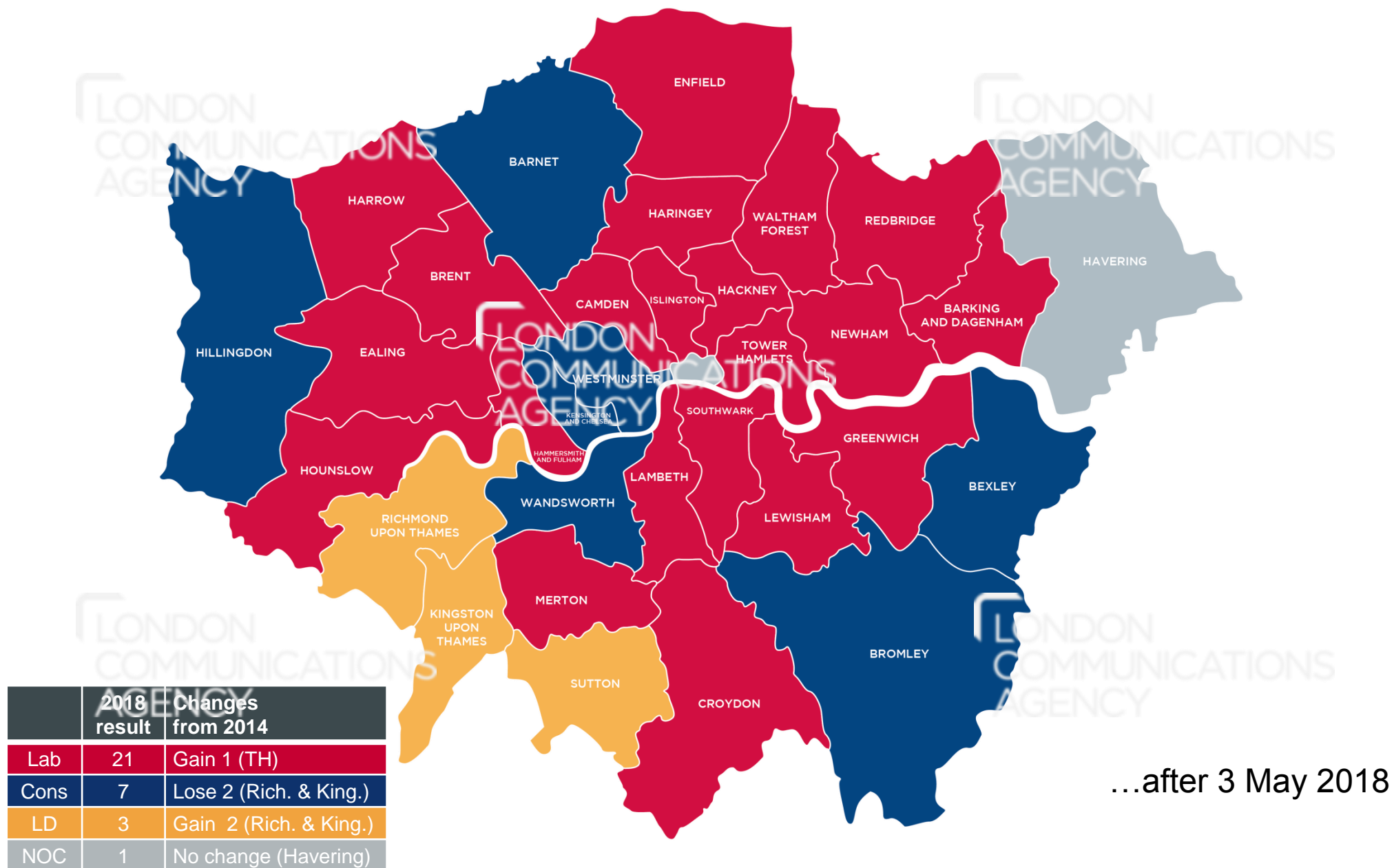
The Travers Gordon Clark 10th anniversary Pointless Quiz

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London Boroughs' political control



Results produce mixed messages

5 May national newspaper editions

MPs call for inquest as Corbyn fails election test

Labour must 'look at itself' after council setback

Council polls give May Brexit opportunity

Analysis
Dan Sabbagh



'Major parties neck and neck after hazy night where the one clear result was Ukip's collapse'

Everyone's a winner...

...apart from Ukip, who lose more than 100 council seats

Leave voters come out in force for Mrs May and deliver an emphatic message...

NOW GIVE US A REAL BREXIT!



The “Travers Gordon Clark 10th Anniversary Pointless Quiz”



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Council political control

Quiz Questions #1 and #2 – political control

Q1: How many London boroughs have never changed party control since 1964?

A: Four

Q2: Which are they?

A:

- *Barking & Dagenham (LAB)*
- *Newham (LAB)*
- *Kensington & Chelsea (CON)*
- *Westminster (CON)*

London borough control, 1964 - 2018

	1964	1968	1971	1974	1978	1982	1986	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	2018
Barking and Dagenham	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Barnet	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON
Bexley	LAB	CON	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	CON	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON
Brent	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Bromley	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON
Camden	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Croydon	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	LAB	LAB
Ealing	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB
Enfield	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB
Greenwich	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Hackney	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Hammersmith and Fulham	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	LAB	LAB
Haringey	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Harrow	CON	CON	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	LAB	NOC	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB
Havering	NOC	CON	LAB	NOC	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	NOC	NOC	NOC	CON	CON	NOC	NOC
Hillingdon	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	NOC	CON	LAB	NOC	NOC	CON	CON	CON	CON
Hounslow	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Islington	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LD	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Kensington and Chelsea	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON
Kingston upon Thames	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	LD	NOC	LD	LD	LD	CON	LD
Lambeth	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Lewisham	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Merton	NOC	CON	LAB	CON	CON	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB
Newham	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB
Redbridge	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	NOC	CON	CON	NOC	LAB	LAB
Richmond upon Thames	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	LD	LD	LD	LD	CON	LD	CON	CON	LD
Southwark	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Sutton	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	NOC	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD
Tower Hamlets	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LD	LD	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB
Waltham Forest	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	LAB	NOC	LAB	NOC	NOC	LAB	LAB	LAB
Wandsworth	LAB	CON	LAB	LAB	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON
Westminster	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON

London boroughs - three main parties' performance 2014/2018/previous best

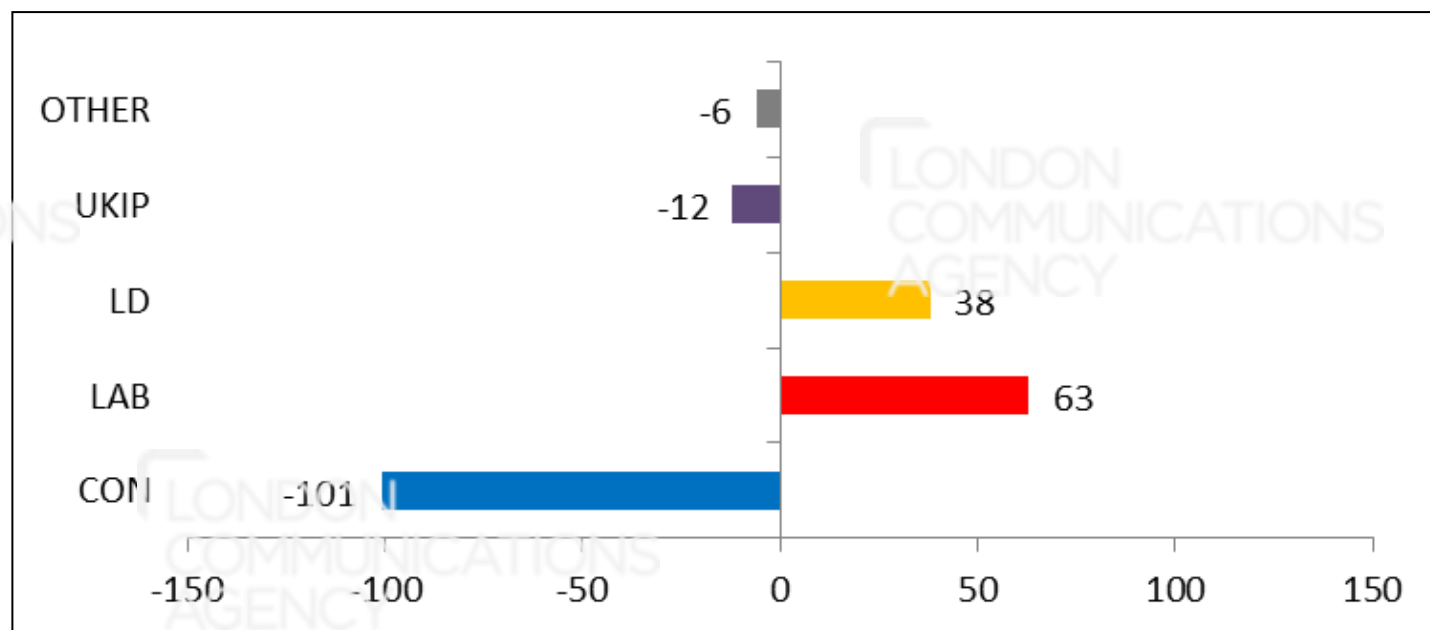
	2014		2018 (+/- on 2014)		Previous all time best	
	Boroughs	Seats	Boroughs	Seats	Boroughs (year)	Seats
Labour	20	1,060	21 (+1)	1,123 (+63)	21 (1971)	1,221 (1971)
Conservative	9	612	7 (-2)	511 (-101)	28 (1968)	1,438 (1968)
Liberal Democrats	1	116	3 (+2)	154 (+38)	4 (2006)	323 (1994)

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Councils seats won and lost

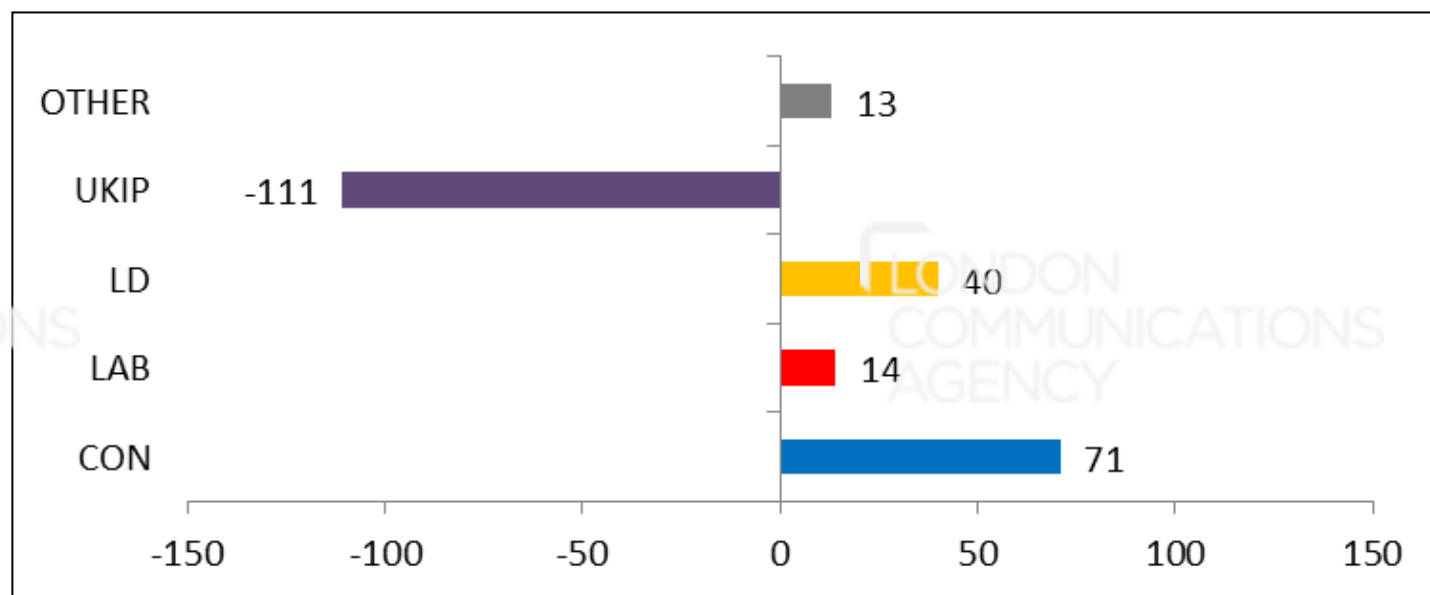
Net change in seats, London vs rest of England (2014-2018)

London



Rest of England*

* the 150 councils up for election in 2014-2018, minus London



NB: Number of English councillors has fallen between 2014 and 2018, accountin for some of the losses. London councillors specifically fell from 1,851 to 1,827 after the 2018 elections (-24, or -1.3%)

Quiz Questions #3 and #4 – change in seats

Q3: Three boroughs changed control and saw the biggest change of seats controlled by the winning party. Which were these?

A:

- *Richmond (LD +24)*
- *Kingston (LD +21)*
- *Tower Hamlets (LAB +21)*

Q4: Besides these, which other borough saw the winning party increase its number of seats most?

A: *Redbridge (LAB +16)*



After 2014 elections



...and after 2018 elections

Quiz question #5 – one party states

Q5: Newham and B&D were the Labour “one party states” in 2014 - 2018. Which borough has now joined them in that... exclusive club?



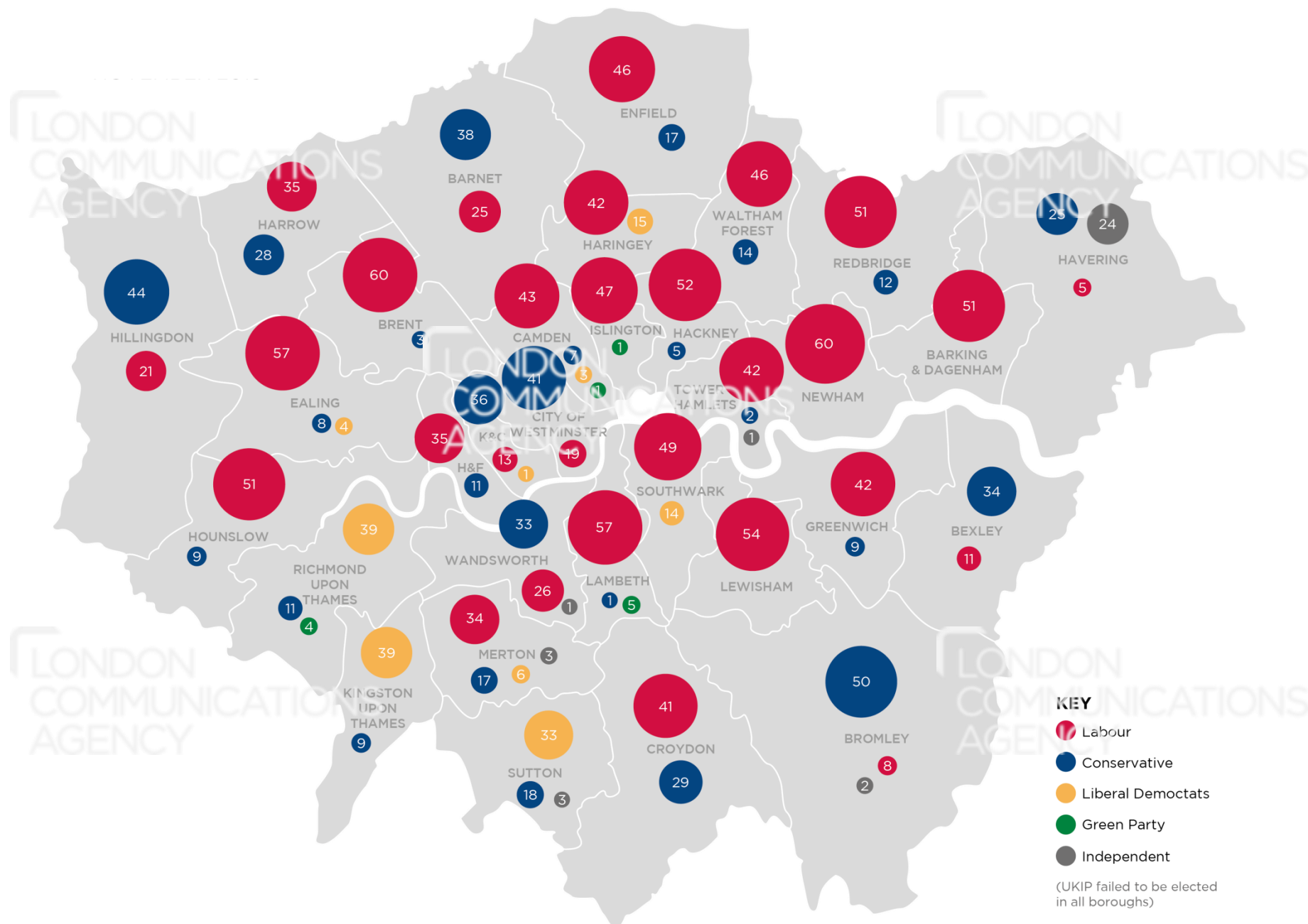
**A: Lewisham
(LAB +1)**



After 2014 elections

...and after 2018 elections

London's 32 Local Authorities – Councillors per Borough 2018



Votes won and lost



Quiz Questions #6 and #7 - turnout

Q6: Which borough had the highest turnout in 2018?

...now compare this to 2014

A: Richmond (51.4%)

...Tower Hamlets (47.2 %)

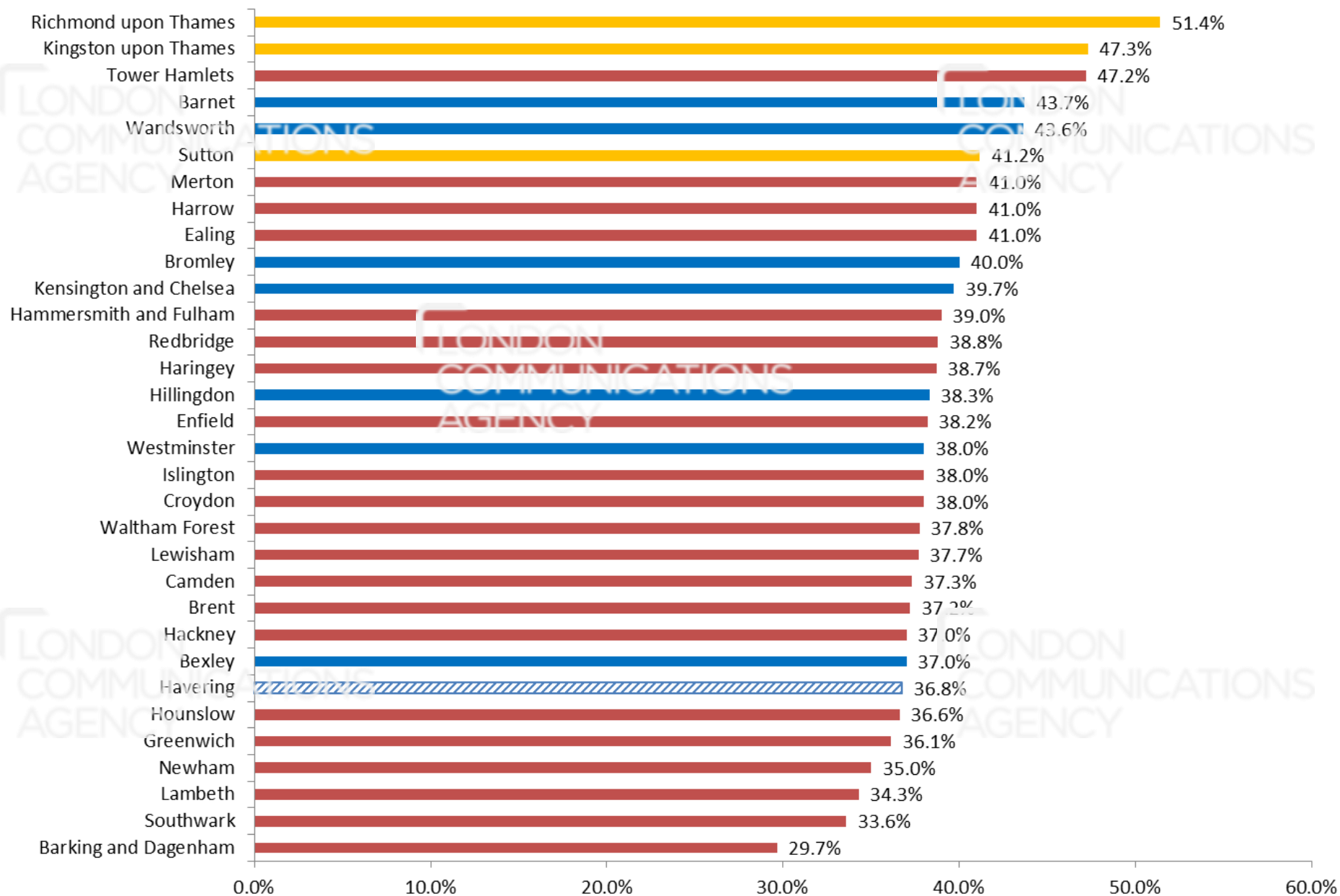
Q7: ...and which had the lowest?

A: B&D (29.5%)

*...RBKC (30.3%)**

**RBKC saw turnout up to 39.7% this year*

Turnout across London's 32 boroughs May 2018



Quiz Questions #8 and #9 – count the ballots

Q8: Which borough had the councillor elected with the most votes?

A: Most votes: Wandsworth, where an Independent was elected in West Hill, with 4,002 votes on a 51% turnout for the ward

Q9: ...and which borough saw a councillor elected with the least?

A: Tower Hamlets, which saw a Labour candidate elected in Poplar, with 732 votes on a turnout of 45% for the ward



Quiz Question #10 – vote share

Q10: Which party won the biggest vote share in a single borough?

A: Labour, in Barking & Dagenham (75.1%)



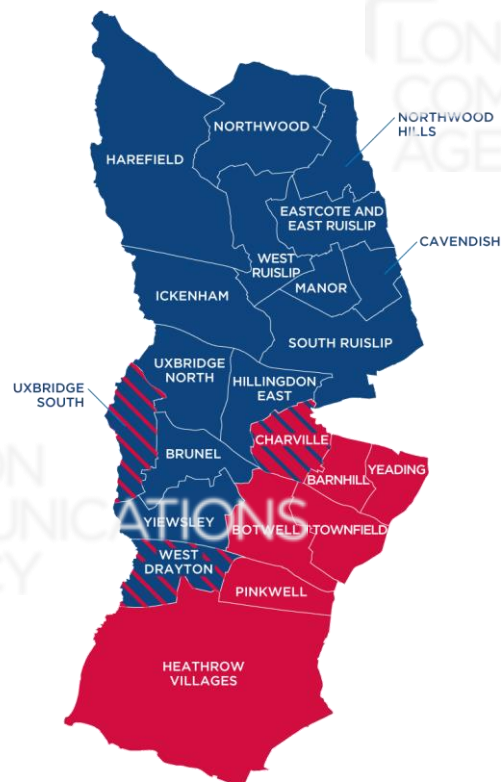
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Quiz Question #11 – vote share

Q: In which borough did the Tories win the highest vote share?

A: Hillingdon (51.1%)



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...and after 2018 elections

Quiz Question #12 – vote share

Q: In which borough did the Liberal Democrats win the highest vote share?

A: Kingston (49.7%)

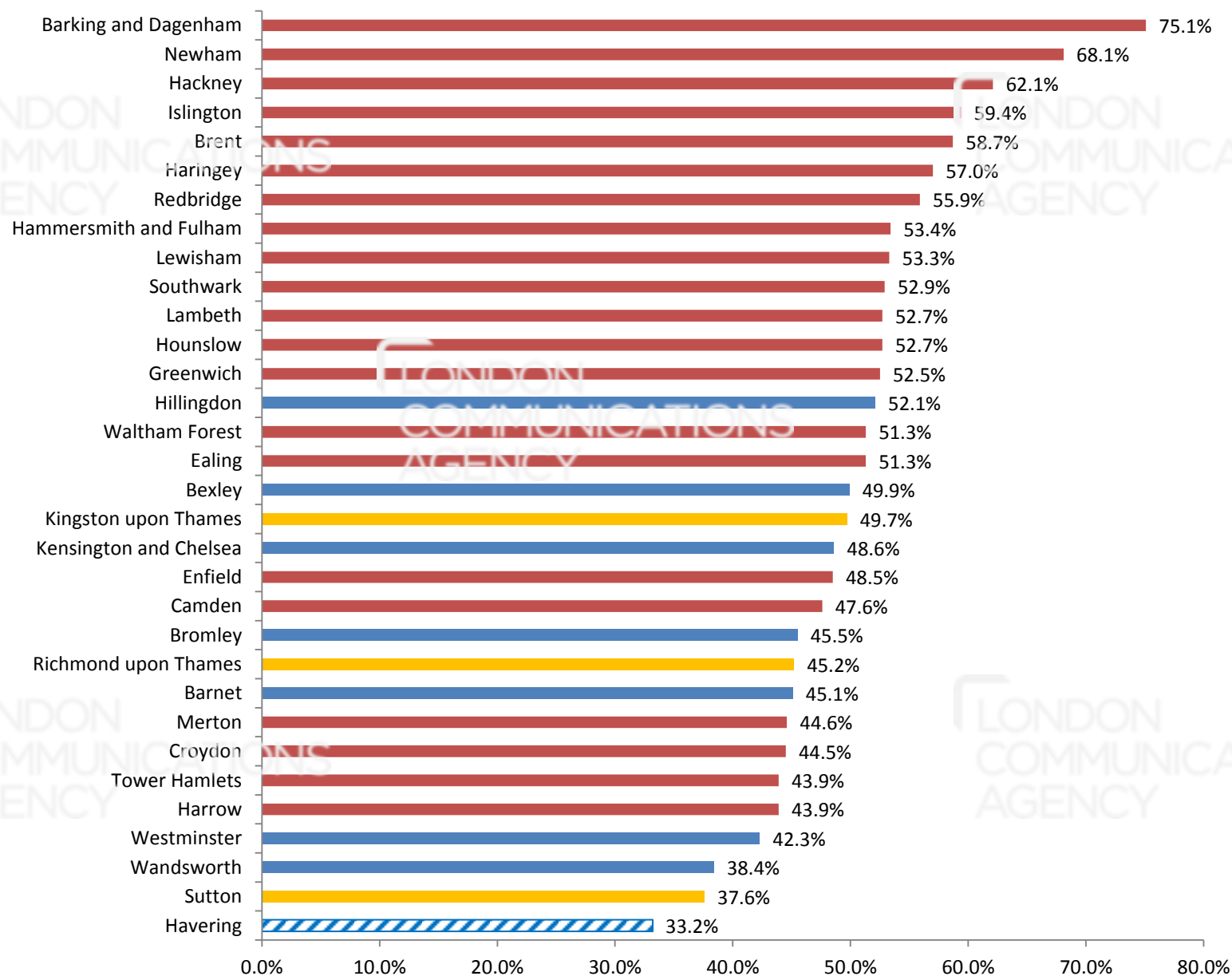


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Winning parties' vote share across LBs May 2018



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Council leadership change

Quiz Question #13 – award for long service

Q13: Who is the longest-serving London council Leader?



Quiz Question #14 – new faces

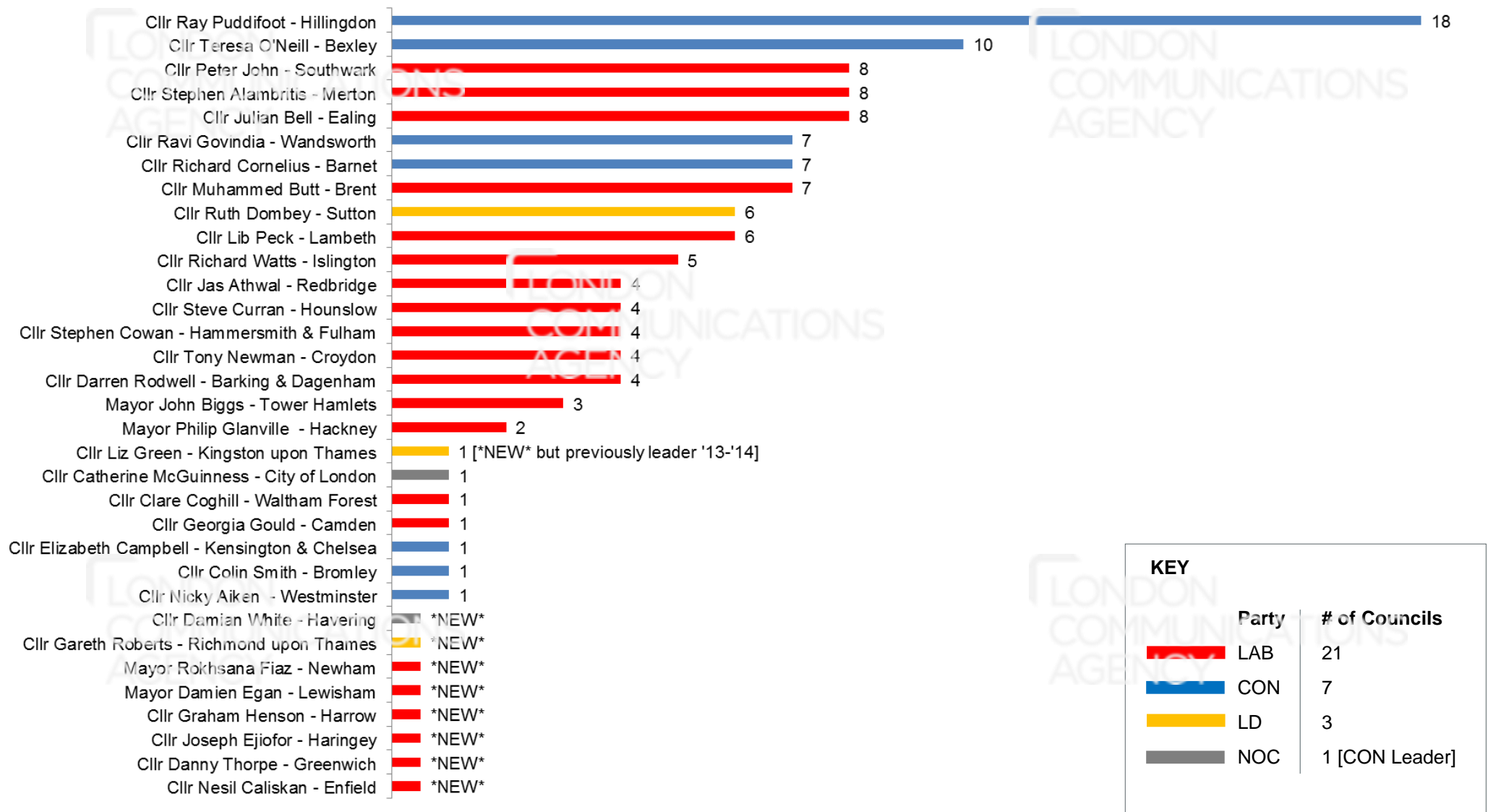
Q14: How many London authorities have new leaders since May?

A: Nine in total.

- 1. Enfield (LAB hold)***
- 2. Greenwich (LAB hold)***
- 3. Haringey (LAB hold)***
- 4. Harrow (LAB hold)***
- 5. Havering (NOC hold, CON leader)***
- 6. Kingston (LD gain)***
- 7. Lewisham (LAB hold)***
- 8. Newham (LAB hold)***
- 9. Richmond (LD gain)***



LB leaders by tenure (years) following 2018 Local Elections



Accurate as of November 2018, years rounded up

New LC Leaders Committee composition



The new LC Leaders' Committee (above) and Executive Committee (below)

- **Cllr Peter John OBE (Lab)** - Chair of London Councils and executive member for Public Service Reform and Devolution and Finance and Resources
- **Cllr. Lib Peck (Lab)** - Deputy Chair and executive member Crime and Public Protection
- **Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Con)** - Vice Chair
- **Cllr Ruth Dombey (LD)** - Vice Chair
- **Catherine McGuinness (Ind)** - Vice Chair
- **Cllr Ray Puddifoot MBE (Con)** - Executive member for Health and Care (including Adult Care Services)

- **Cllr Julian Bell (Lab)** - Chair of London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee
- **Cllr. Darren Rodwell (Lab)** - Executive member for Housing & Planning
- **Cllr. Muhammed Butt (Lab)** - Executive member for Welfare, Empowerment and Inclusion
- **Cllr. Clare Coghill (Lab)** - Executive member for Business, Europe and Good Growth
- **Cllr. Georgia Gould (Lab)** - Executive member for Skills & Employment
- **Cllr. Nickie Aiken (Con)** - Executive member for Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)

Quiz Question #15 - geography

Q15: Which borough has a ward which is the size of three inner London local authorities combined?

A: Bromley - Darwin Ward at 29 km² is almost as big as the City, RBKC and Islington combined!



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What's next?

2020 Mayoral Election... and more to come?

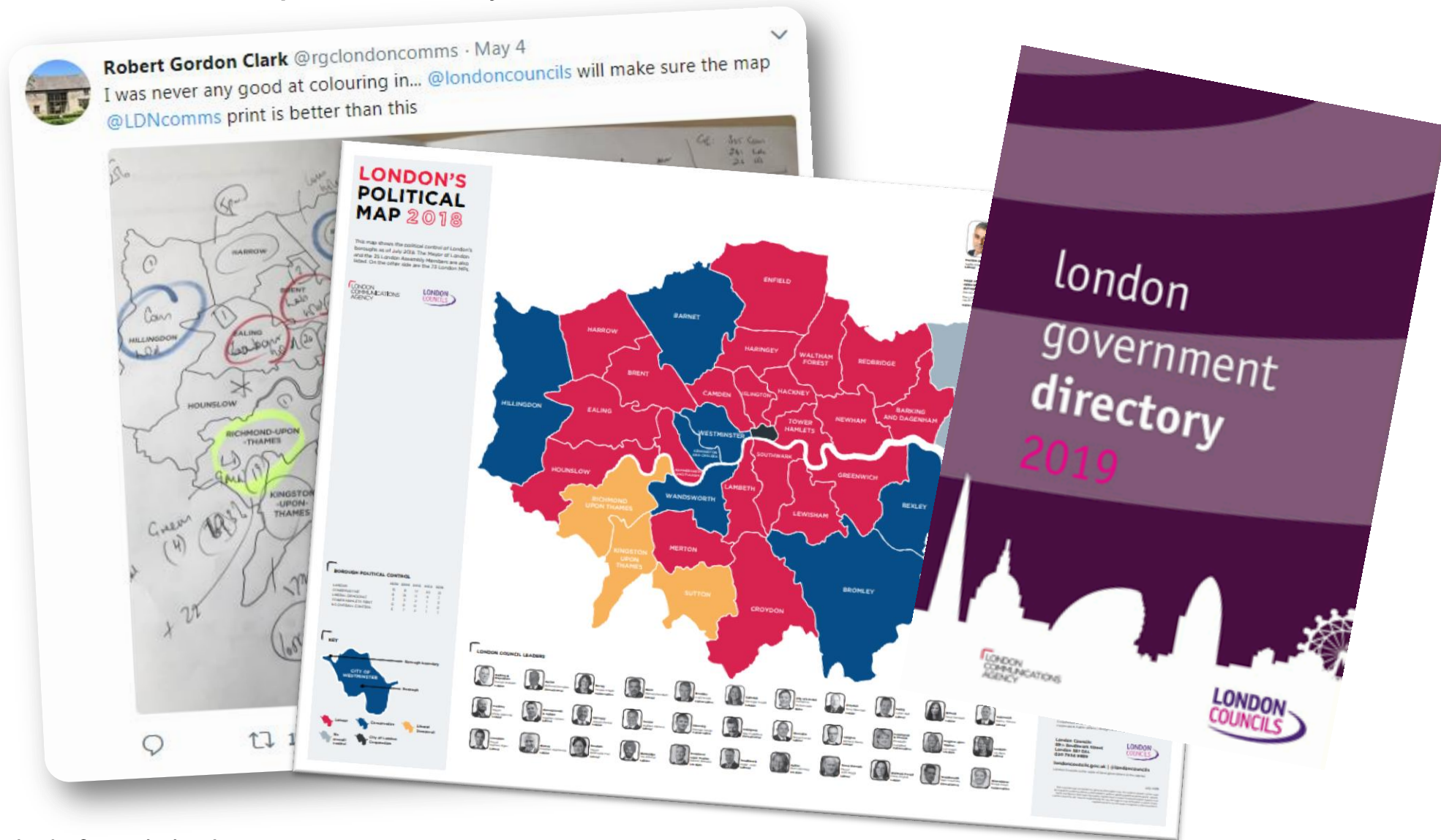


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Q&A