

Councillors

Poll

12/10/2017

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

19th September – 10th October 2017

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via telephone interview.

Population Sampled

All councillors in England

Sample Size

1,018

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all Councillors in England. Data were weighted by political party and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from county, borough and district council websites.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,018 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation.

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Table 1
Q1. Confirm region
Base : All Respondents

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South East	200	138	62	19	31	54	73	23	131	25	25	19	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	2	198
	19.6%	18.7%	22.1%	17.7%	21.6%	20.6%	18.3%	21.4%	25.7%	7.6%	25.6%	22.2%	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	12.6%	19.7%
East of England	144	116	28	15	18	34	60	18	94	22	16	12	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	142
	14.2%	15.7%	10.1%	14.0%	12.3%	12.9%	15.1%	16.6%	18.6%	6.7%	16.4%	14.0%	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.1%	14.2%
North West	136	91	45	13	18	34	59	11	33	85	11	7	-	-	-	-	136	-	-	-	-	4	132
	13.4%	12.3%	16.2%	12.6%	12.8%	12.8%	14.9%	10.5%	6.4%	26.0%	11.7%	8.3%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	27.3%	13.1%
East Midlands	112	86	26	13	16	25	45	14	65	38	2	7	-	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	111
	11.0%	11.6%	9.3%	11.9%	11.0%	9.5%	11.2%	12.9%	12.8%	11.7%	2.2%	7.5%	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9%	11.0%
South West	112	80	32	7	13	28	50	14	71	13	17	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	-	-	2	110
	11.0%	10.8%	11.3%	6.7%	9.2%	10.4%	12.4%	13.5%	13.9%	4.1%	18.1%	11.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	12.8%	10.9%
Yorkshire and The Humber	70	53	18	4	12	24	27	3	24	28	7	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	1	69
	6.9%	7.1%	6.3%	4.0%	8.7%	9.0%	6.7%	3.0%	4.8%	8.5%	7.7%	12.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	6.9%	6.9%
West Midlands	95	71	24	10	14	28	33	10	51	32	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	1	94
	9.4%	9.6%	8.7%	9.6%	9.9%	10.4%	8.3%	9.6%	10.0%	9.8%	5.3%	8.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-	6.7%	9.4%
North East	44	31	14	6	5	12	16	5	5	26	2	11	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	1	43
	4.3%	4.1%	4.9%	5.4%	3.4%	4.7%	4.1%	4.6%	1.0%	8.0%	2.1%	13.1%	-	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	6.6%	4.3%
London	105	74	31	19	16	25	36	8	35	58	11	2	-	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	104
	10.3%	10.0%	11.0%	18.1%	11.1%	9.7%	9.0%	7.9%	6.9%	17.7%	11.0%	2.2%	-	-	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0%	10.4%
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	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 2
Q2. Confirm political party
Base : All Respondents

	Total	Sex		Age					Political party				Region								Sample		
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Conservative	509	397	112	52	63	131	192	70	509	-	-	-	94	65	35	5	33	131	71	51	24	6	503
	50.0%	53.8%	40.0%	49.4%	44.1%	49.7%	48.2%	66.3%	100.0%	-	-	-	65.5%	58.2%	33.3%	11.2%	24.1%	65.5%	63.4%	53.6%	34.4%	40.2%	50.1%
Labour	326	212	113	39	50	83	132	22	-	326	-	-	22	38	58	26	85	25	13	32	28	8	318
	32.0%	28.8%	40.6%	37.2%	34.6%	31.6%	33.0%	20.5%	-	100.0%	-	-	15.1%	34.1%	54.9%	58.5%	62.3%	12.4%	12.0%	33.5%	39.2%	53.8%	31.7%
Liberal Democrat	96	61	35	9	20	26	36	5	-	-	96	-	16	2	11	2	11	25	17	5	7	-	96
	9.4%	8.2%	12.5%	8.4%	13.8%	9.9%	9.0%	4.8%	-	-	100.0%	-	10.9%	1.9%	10.0%	4.4%	8.2%	12.3%	15.5%	5.3%	10.4%	-	9.5%
Green	10	6	4	-	4	3	3	1	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	2	2	-	10
	1.0%	0.9%	1.3%	-	2.5%	1.0%	0.7%	0.9%	-	-	-	11.3%	-	-	-	-	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%	1.9%	2.7%	-	1.0%
UKIP	18	14	3	3	2	5	8	-	-	-	-	18	4	-	-	1	-	5	3	1	4	-	18
	1.7%	1.9%	1.2%	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%	2.0%	-	-	-	-	20.3%	3.0%	-	-	2.0%	-	2.5%	2.5%	1.0%	5.3%	-	1.8%
Another Party - Write In (Required)	60	47	13	3	5	15	29	8	-	-	-	60	8	7	2	11	5	12	5	5	6	1	59
	5.9%	6.4%	4.5%	2.5%	3.7%	5.7%	7.2%	7.6%	-	-	-	68.4%	5.5%	5.9%	1.8%	23.9%	4.0%	5.9%	4.9%	4.8%	8.0%	6.0%	5.9%
SIGMA	1018	739	279	106	143	264	400	106	509	326	96	88	144	112	105	44	136	200	112	95	70	15	1003
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 3

Q3. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest, how high a priority do you think it should be for local authorities to retain services that support parenting in the early years?

Base : All Respondents

	Sex		Age					Political party				Region							Sample				
	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	East	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Lead Member	Non Lead Member	
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1 - low priority	8	8	-	1	1	4	2	-	6	1	-	1	1	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	7
	0.8%	1.1%	-	0.9%	0.7%	1.5%	0.5%	-	1.2%	0.3%	-	1.0%	0.7%	2.8%	-	2.3%	0.8%	0.9%	-	-	-	6.6%	0.7%
2	11	9	2	1	4	2	3	1	6	3	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	11
	1.1%	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%	2.9%	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	1.9%	2.0%	-	-	2.8%	-	-	-	-	1.1%
3	76	59	17	9	7	22	28	10	63	1	3	9	15	5	8	3	4	25	10	2	3	-	76
	7.4%	8.0%	5.9%	8.6%	4.7%	8.2%	7.0%	9.4%	12.3%	0.3%	3.0%	10.2%	10.1%	4.7%	8.1%	6.7%	2.9%	12.7%	8.9%	2.1%	4.3%	-	7.5%
4	304	250	54	40	41	79	106	38	199	51	29	25	46	38	32	5	28	61	47	31	16	2	302
	29.8%	33.8%	19.3%	38.0%	28.5%	29.9%	26.6%	35.6%	39.0%	15.7%	30.4%	28.7%	31.8%	33.6%	30.4%	10.5%	20.9%	30.5%	42.0%	33.0%	23.0%	13.6%	30.1%
5 - high priority	611	407	204	54	88	156	259	54	230	267	63	51	81	62	61	35	103	104	54	61	51	10	601
	60.0%	55.1%	73.0%	50.6%	61.7%	59.0%	64.9%	51.3%	45.2%	82.1%	65.5%	58.2%	56.0%	55.1%	58.5%	78.3%	75.4%	52.2%	48.3%	63.8%	72.7%	66.1%	59.9%
Don't know	9	6	3	1	2	2	1	3	6	2	-	1	1	2	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	7
	0.9%	0.8%	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%	0.7%	0.2%	2.8%	1.2%	0.6%	-	1.0%	0.7%	1.9%	1.0%	2.3%	-	0.9%	0.8%	1.1%	-	13.7%	0.7%
SIGMA	1018	739	279	106	143	264	400	106	509	326	96	88	144	112	105	44	136	200	112	95	70	15	1003
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 4
Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
There is a lack of clear direction and funding from central government for children's centres, family hubs and family support leading to them being scaled back by local councils
Base : All Respondents

	Total		Sex		Age					Political party				Region								Sample		
			Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	East	East Midlands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Lead Member	Non Lead Member
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Strongly agree	457		315	142	51	65	121	185	35	82	266	63	46	51	47	52	31	86	68	46	45	30	9	448
	44.9%		42.7%	50.8%	48.0%	45.4%	45.8%	46.4%	33.1%	16.2%	81.5%	66.2%	52.0%	35.7%	42.2%	49.6%	69.6%	63.4%	34.2%	41.5%	46.8%	42.9%	59.1%	44.7%
Somewhat agree	206		148	58	21	31	53	77	24	109	46	25	26	27	18	21	4	25	54	24	20	12	2	204
	20.2%		20.1%	20.7%	19.6%	21.6%	20.2%	19.1%	23.1%	21.5%	14.0%	26.2%	29.5%	18.8%	15.8%	20.3%	8.7%	18.5%	27.1%	21.9%	21.1%	17.4%	13.8%	20.3%
Neither agree nor disagree	100		73	27	8	13	26	42	11	84	6	2	7	20	18	3	4	8	18	16	7	6	1	99
	9.8%		9.9%	9.6%	7.7%	9.1%	9.8%	10.5%	10.5%	16.6%	1.9%	2.2%	8.1%	13.6%	15.9%	3.0%	8.5%	6.0%	8.9%	14.6%	7.5%	8.8%	6.9%	9.9%
Somewhat disagree	117		98	20	13	13	35	41	15	109	2	3	4	24	12	15	1	7	26	11	9	13	1	116
	11.5%		13.2%	7.1%	12.4%	9.1%	13.2%	10.3%	14.6%	21.3%	0.6%	3.3%	4.1%	16.4%	10.3%	14.0%	2.2%	5.3%	13.2%	10.1%	9.6%	17.8%	6.5%	11.6%
Strongly disagree	76		59	16	12	14	13	29	7	71	4	-	1	10	8	7	5	8	14	7	10	5	2	73
	7.4%		8.0%	5.8%	11.4%	9.9%	5.0%	7.4%	6.5%	13.9%	1.2%	-	1.0%	6.8%	7.5%	7.1%	11.0%	6.0%	7.1%	6.4%	10.7%	7.5%	13.7%	7.3%
Don't know	62		45	17	1	7	16	26	13	54	2	2	5	13	9	6	-	1	19	6	4	4	-	62
	6.1%		6.2%	6.1%	0.9%	4.8%	6.1%	6.4%	12.3%	10.6%	0.6%	2.1%	5.3%	8.8%	8.4%	6.1%	-	0.8%	9.5%	5.4%	4.3%	5.7%	-	6.2%
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	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 5
Q5. Across England, spending by local authorities on children's services in the last six years has reduced as central government funding has fallen. This has happened as demand for support for vulnerable children has increased. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Reduced central government funding has made it harder for my council to deliver statutory responsibilities for children and young people. Please note: if prompted statutory services include children in need, child protection and children in care.
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Strongly agree	519 51.0%	356 48.2%	163 58.5%	54 50.8%	72 50.2%	137 52.0%	215 53.7%	42 39.6%	119 23.4%	276 84.9%	66 68.7%	58 66.4%	52 36.3%	54 48.6%	64 60.6%	32 71.4%	93 68.6%	84 42.1%	52 47.0%	49 51.0%	39 55.6%	9 59.6%	510 50.9%
Somewhat agree	225 22.1%	165 22.3%	60 21.6%	18 17.0%	36 25.3%	58 22.0%	83 20.9%	30 28.2%	149 29.2%	35 10.7%	23 24.1%	19 21.4%	40 27.7%	23 20.5%	24 23.3%	7 15.5%	17 12.5%	45 22.5%	31 27.5%	27 28.6%	11 16.1%	4 27.4%	221 22.1%
Neither agree nor disagree	74 7.3%	57 7.7%	18 6.4%	8 7.6%	9 6.2%	19 7.1%	29 7.1%	10 9.4%	58 11.3%	9 2.9%	2 2.1%	5 6.1%	15 10.2%	5 4.6%	7 7.1%	2 4.2%	6 4.5%	21 10.3%	9 8.2%	6 6.4%	3 4.5%	1 6.3%	73 7.3%
Somewhat disagree	87 8.5%	70 9.5%	17 6.0%	10 9.6%	10 6.9%	23 8.6%	29 7.3%	15 14.3%	79 15.6%	1 0.3%	3 3.0%	4 4.1%	18 12.2%	10 9.4%	4 4.0%	1 2.2%	8 6.0%	21 10.4%	10 9.1%	5 5.4%	9 13.3%	- -	87 8.7%
Strongly disagree	64 6.3%	56 7.5%	9 3.2%	14 13.1%	12 8.5%	13 5.0%	23 5.8%	2 1.9%	62 12.3%	1 0.3%	1 1.0%	- -	10 6.8%	9 8.4%	5 5.0%	3 6.7%	8 6.0%	13 6.6%	5 4.6%	5 5.4%	5 7.5%	1 6.7%	63 6.3%
Don't know	48 4.7%	35 4.8%	12 4.4%	2 2.0%	4 2.9%	14 5.2%	21 5.2%	7 6.5%	42 8.2%	3 0.9%	1 1.0%	2 2.0%	10 6.8%	9 8.4%	- -	- -	3 2.3%	16 8.0%	4 3.6%	3 3.2%	2 3.0%	- -	48 4.7%
SIGMA	1018 100.0%	739 100.0%	279 100.0%	106 100.0%	143 100.0%	264 100.0%	400 100.0%	106 100.0%	509 100.0%	326 100.0%	96 100.0%	88 100.0%	144 100.0%	112 100.0%	105 100.0%	44 100.0%	136 100.0%	200 100.0%	112 100.0%	95 100.0%	70 100.0%	15 100.0%	1003 100.0%

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Table 6
Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Funding for children's services in the long-term is a major concern for my council
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Strongly agree	584 57.4%	398 53.9%	186 66.6%	63 59.4%	94 65.9%	146 55.2%	229 57.4%	52 49.2%	192 37.7%	274 84.0%	67 69.7%	52 59.3%	64 44.6%	59 52.6%	71 67.7%	36 80.3%	100 73.9%	88 44.0%	65 58.1%	57 59.7%	44 63.1%	11 72.9%	573 57.1%
Somewhat agree	254 24.9%	195 26.4%	59 21.1%	25 23.7%	26 18.2%	70 26.6%	101 25.2%	32 30.3%	174 34.1%	35 10.7%	21 22.1%	24 27.7%	47 32.4%	29 25.9%	28 26.3%	7 15.5%	23 17.0%	53 26.3%	26 22.9%	24 25.3%	19 26.4%	3 20.0%	251 25.0%
Neither agree nor disagree	68 6.7%	54 7.2%	15 5.2%	4 3.7%	7 4.9%	19 7.4%	27 6.7%	11 10.2%	57 11.3%	6 1.9%	2 2.0%	3 3.0%	11 7.5%	5 4.7%	1 1.0%	2 4.2%	4 3.0%	26 12.8%	10 9.1%	5 5.4%	4 6.0%	1 7.0%	67 6.7%
Somewhat disagree	49 4.8%	39 5.3%	10 3.5%	7 6.5%	8 5.4%	13 4.8%	15 3.6%	7 6.6%	37 7.2%	3 1.0%	3 3.1%	6 7.0%	11 7.4%	7 6.5%	2 2.0%	-	3 2.3%	16 7.9%	6 5.4%	4 4.3%	-	-	49 4.9%
Strongly disagree	25 2.5%	22 3.0%	3 1.1%	5 4.7%	5 3.6%	6 2.2%	9 2.3%	-	20 3.9%	4 1.3%	1 1.1%	-	3 2.0%	4 3.8%	2 2.0%	-	5 3.8%	7 3.3%	-	2 2.2%	2 3.0%	-	25 2.5%
Don't know	38 3.7%	31 4.1%	7 2.5%	2 1.9%	3 2.0%	10 3.7%	19 4.7%	4 3.7%	29 5.7%	4 1.2%	2 2.0%	3 3.0%	9 6.1%	7 6.6%	1 1.0%	-	-	11 5.7%	5 4.5%	3 3.2%	1 1.5%	-	38 3.7%
SIGMA	1018 100.0%	739 100.0%	279 100.0%	106 100.0%	143 100.0%	264 100.0%	400 100.0%	106 100.0%	509 100.0%	326 100.0%	96 100.0%	88 100.0%	144 100.0%	112 100.0%	105 100.0%	44 100.0%	136 100.0%	200 100.0%	112 100.0%	95 100.0%	70 100.0%	15 100.0%	1003 100.0%