



news release

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West Sussex County Council election results

All results of the West Sussex County Council election for 2026 have all now been announced.

On Thursday 7 May West Sussex residents voted for whom they want to represent their local community on the county council.

The votes were counted and from 362 candidates 70 councillors have been elected:

- Reform UK has 23 councillors
- The Liberal Democrats have 23 councillors
- The Conservative Party has 11 councillors
- The Green Party has 7 councillors
- The Labour Party has 5 councillors
- One councillor is from the Local Alliance

Each county councillor elected represents their division on behalf of around 12,000 residents by contributing to policy and spending decisions affecting vital council services.

[Here you will find how people voted in your local area of West Sussex](#), including who won the vote in each division and the party they represent. There is also [a map showing results across the county](#).

No one political party has more than half the seats and so the outcome is no overall control of the council.

As a result of there being no clear majority, discussions will take place between political parties about who will form the administration.

The first full meeting of all newly elected councillors will be on Friday 22 May.

At the meeting, appointments to key council positions are due to be formally made including chairman, leader of the council, cabinet members and committee members.

You can see the agenda and watch the meeting live (or the webcast at a later date) on our [website](#).

West Sussex County Council was not the only council to hold elections here in the county.

Adur District, Crawley Borough and Worthing Borough Councils also held elections as well as some town and parish councils. The results of these elections are published on their websites.

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Notes to Editor

The political composition of West Sussex County Council prior to this year's election was:

- The Conservative Party: 38
- Liberal Democrats: 10
- The Labour Party: 8
- Green and Independent Alliance: 5
- Reform UK: 4
- Independents: 4
- Vacancy: 1

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