

Philip's Panel: Democracy Survey Results

The results of the Opinion Panel on democracy are set out below.

1. Why do you think fewer people bother to vote in local elections?

Believe makes no difference	38%
Believe local politicians don't listen	17%
Lack of understanding about council role	16%
Lack of choice of candidates	4%
Local councils do not affect their lives	4%
Lack of education	3%
Other	18%

2. Do you believe this country should introduce compulsory voting, as in Australia?
Yes 48% No 45% Don't know 7%

3. Assuming proper security measures, which alternative voting system would you like to see introduced?

Email voting	14%
All postal voting	11%
Text voting	0%
None of above	48%
All of above	28%

4. Have the alleged abuses of postal voting made you more or less likely to wish to use a postal vote?
Less 50% No difference 46% More 4%

5. Do you have a postal vote?
No 80% Yes 15% Not yet, but would like one 5%

6. What are the main factors which will determine how you vote in local elections?

Local issues	42%
Knowing the candidate	25%
National issues	17%
Party affiliation	13%
Protest vote	3%

7. What local issues are most important to you in this District Council election?

Keeping our local council	26%
Council tax	23%
Threat to local community hospital	20%
Environment	11%
Affordable housing	9%
Moving to a unitary authority	5%

8. Do you believe the local election results across the country will have any impact on who becomes the next Prime Minister?
No 51% Yes 38% Don't know 11%

11. Which charity would you like to receive Philip's donation for your participation in this survey?
Shropshire Air Ambulance 49% Hope Hospice 27% Shropshire Wildlife Trust 17%