

POLLING OF SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILLORS

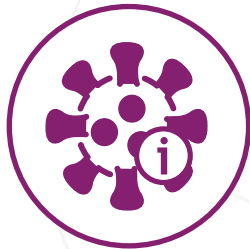
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South East England Councils (SEEC) commissioned Savanta ComRes to survey opinions of 275 Councillors across South East England between 13 and 23 July 2020. Data was weighted to be representative of all Councillors in the region by key factors including council type, council control, party, gender. Savanta ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of councillor participants was: 65% **District**, 23% **Unitary**, 13% **County Council**.



CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ON COVID-19 RECOVERY

Do you (and your council) believe you have been well or poorly **informed** and/or **consulted** by central government agencies on plans for recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic?

Informed

51% Well/fairly

46% Well/fairly

Consulted

39% Poorly/Not at all

57% Poorly/Not at all



FUTURE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES FOR COVID-19 RECOVERY

Do you believe each of the following issues should be a **high** or **low priority** for South East regional investment as part of the government's economic recovery plans?

	High priority
Employment	89%
Social care	89%
Schools	82%
Environment	82%
Digital infrastructure	80%
Trade and exports	71%
Rail transport	67%
Higher education and universities	55%
House-building	58%
Road transport	52%
Cycleways	52%
Airports	27%



METRO MAYORS

Would you **support** or **oppose** having Metro Mayors introduced for parts of South East England?

Support

16%

Oppose

69%



FINANCIAL SECURITY

Do you believe each of the following measures would make your council more or less financially **secure** for the next decade?

	SECURE
Greater ability to vary Council Tax	86%
Increasing Business Rates	62%
Maintaining Business Rates	58%
Devolving Vehicle Excise Duties	40%
Decreasing Business Rates	14%



CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Is your Council working on **'Climate Adaptation'**? - that is preparing and planning to deal with the **effects** and **impacts** of climate change

75% A lot/A fair amount

24% A little/Nothing at all



LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS (LEPs)

Do you think Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) have been **effective** or **ineffective** in their remit?

Effective

39%

Ineffective

32%

Do you agree or disagree that you have been adequately **involved** and/or **informed** about what your Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is doing?

Informed

29% Agree

50% Disagree

Involved

20% Agree

57% Disagree

DELIVERING BETTER TOGETHER

With the majority of South East Councils as our members SEEC aims to work in partnership to make the region a great place to live, work and do business.

We endeavour to promote and maintain the South East's position as a leading global economy, to seek and secure fair funding for the South East region and to monitor and highlight the economic pulse of the South East.

In particular SEEC aims to provide and act as a unified democratic voice on South East interests to Government, Parliament, Industry and the media.