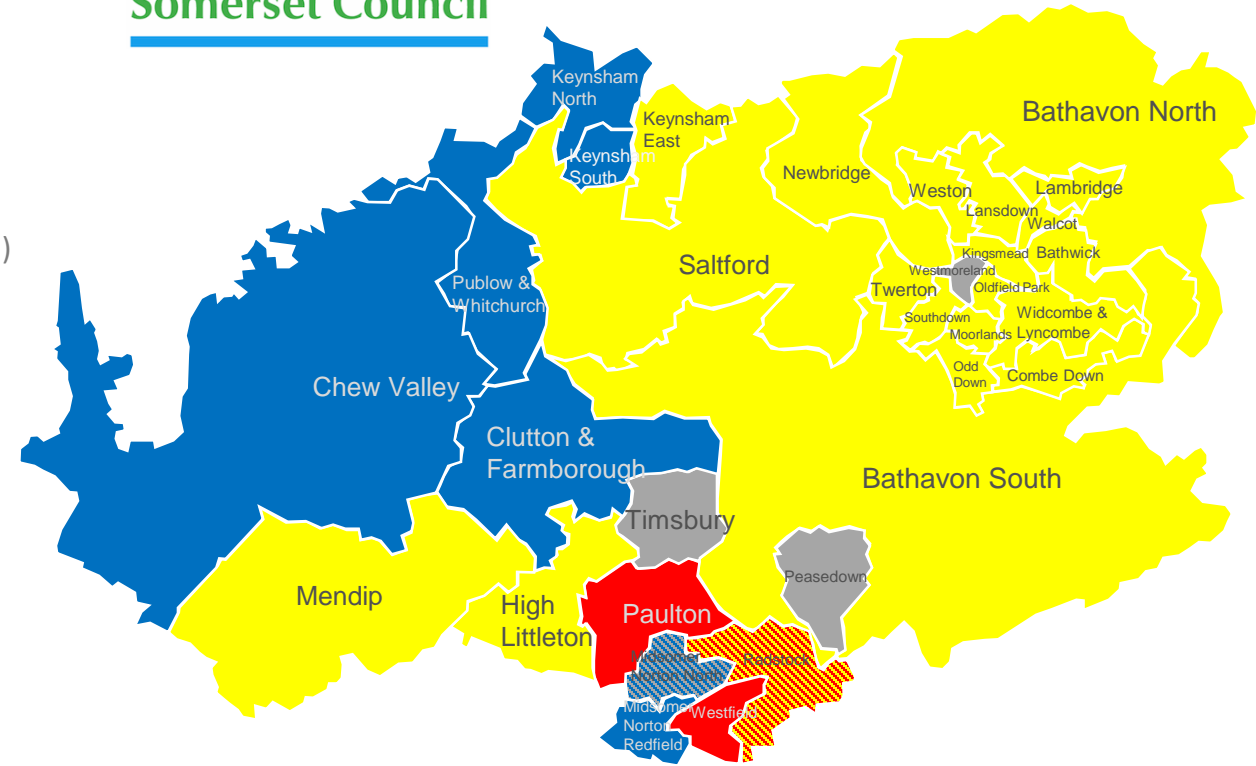
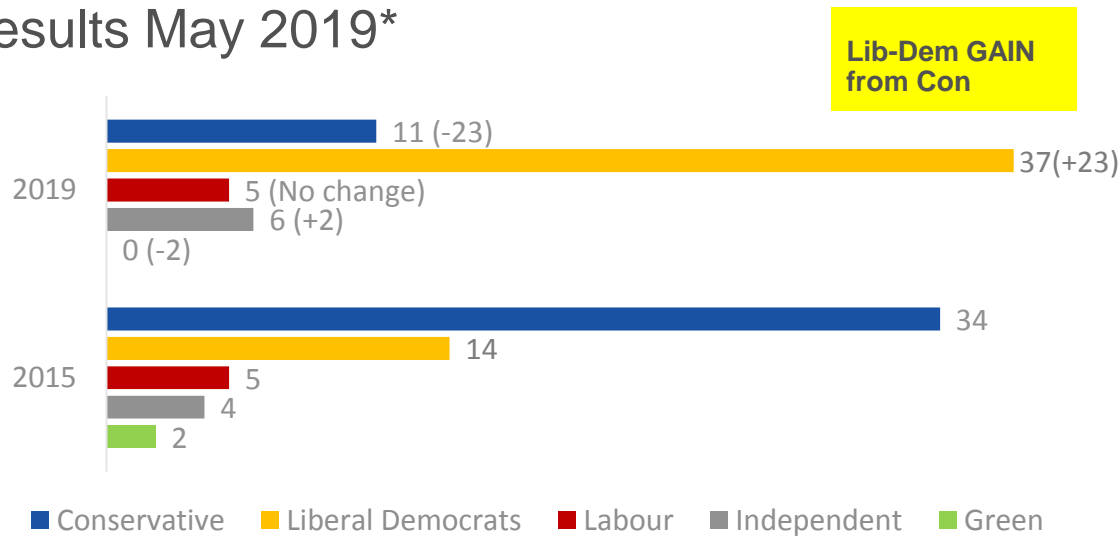


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Results May 2019*



Historic results for Lib-Dems in B&NES

- **First time control:** Lib-Dems take control of Bath & North East Somerset for the first time since the authority was formed in 1999 with majority of 15;
- **Leader loses seat:** Former Council Leader, Tim Warren, loses seat in Mendip Ward where Lib-Dem David Wood wins by nearly 500 votes;
- **Tory wipeout in Bath:** Former strongholds, such as Lansdown, fall to the Lib-Dems as they execute an almost clean sweep of Wards in Bath – only two Independents sit within a sea of yellow.

* = 2015 figures notional based upon 2019 boundary changes. Note: At time of publication, no overall turnout figure from the Council was available.

Leader of Council (Elect)



Councillor Dine Romero



Drama, landslides and wipeouts in B&NES

Before this dramatic night for the politics of B&NES, the Lib-Dems may have fancied their chances of a strong result in the city given recent Bath by-elections where the Tory vote collapsed. The 2017 General Election result added fuel to that confidence with a 10% swing from Con to Lib-Dem. The 2nd May 2019 was even more dramatic.

The scale of victory in Bath may not be a surprise. But snatching long-held Tory seats in North East Somerset was something few could predict. Huge Conservative majorities built-up since 1999 in strongholds, like Keynsham East, Saltford and High Littleton were wiped out in a flash and are now substantial Lib-Dem majorities.

Shockingly, Tim Warren – former Leader and councillor since 2003 – lost his seat by nearly 40% of the vote to the Lib-Dems. But for Cllr Dine Romero, she can bask in the success of leading the Lib-Dems to their first outright win in B&NES since its creation and execute their manifesto with a comfortable 15 seat majority with a Cabinet of fresh faces.

For the Tories, one four-year term in opposition might not be enough to recoup these horrendous losses. A toxic mix of Brexit, national politics and administrative leadership of the Council have combined to inflict defeat.

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