



Reform UK take control of Staffordshire for the first time
Reform UK have secured a confident majority of 17, with seats across all eight of the districts and boroughs, ousting the Conservative administration from power after 16 years at the helm.

Conservatives in opposition
Staffordshire’s map is now blue on blue. Where the Conservatives had very little in the way of opposition after 2021 elections, the new Reform administration has a similarly comfortable majority.

Labour hanging on by a thread
The already modest four seats held by the Labour group on the council have been depleted to just one in Burton Trent, leaving them with the same representation as the Green and Independent groups.

Turnout:
No figure provided.

- 1 Talke & Red Street
- 2 Bradwell & Porthill
- 3 Silverdale & Knutton
- 4 Westlands, Thistleberry & Keele
- 5 Newcastle South
- 6 May Bank & Wolstanton
- 7 Stone Urban
- 8 Stafford North
- 9 Stafford Central
- 10 Stafford South West
- 11 Stafford South East
- 12 Etchinghill & the Heath
- 13 Brereton & Ravenhill
- 14 Hednesford North
- 15 Hawks Green, Rawsley & Cannock Wood
- 16 Chads Moor
- 17 Cannock Town
- 18 Cheslyn Hay Village, Featherstone & Shareshill
- 19 Great Wyrley & Essington
- 20 Norton Canes, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury
- 21 Burntwood South
- 22 Burntwood North
- 23 Lichfield Rural North
- 24 Lichfield City North
- 25 Lichfield City South
- 26 Perrygrofts
- 27 The Cotes/Two Rivers
- 28 Watling
- 29 Wilnecote
- 30 The Heaths
- 31 Burton Trent
- 32 Burton Tower
- 33 Burton Town
- 34 Burton South
- 35 Stretton



REFORM UK GAIN FROM
CONSERVATIVES

A different shade of blue

Reform swipes Staffordshire from the Tories in landslide

The Staffordshire Council 4am update on Friday morning said it all; by this point they had the results for 30 of the 64 seats up for grabs, and Reform UK had won 24 of these. Reform were on their way to winning control of their first local authority. Despite this early indication, even the best crystal ball would struggle to predict the landslide majority that Reform UK would eventually come to, winning 49 seats and taking control of Staffordshire for the first time in its history.

This will be remembered as one of the roughest losses for the Conservatives in this set of elections, losing a remarkably strong majority and 47 of their seats, including that of former Council Leader Alan White in Lichfield Rural east. The group managed to clutch on to three seats in both Lichfield and East Staffordshire, with the other four peppered across the county.

Staffordshire is a prime example of how much politics can change in a year. The 2024 general election produced an almost unrecognisable political picture in comparison to the county election results in Staffordshire, with no Reform UK MPs elected.

This considered, Labour should be feeling gloomy about their performance this year too. Labour had managed to gain nine seats across the county's 12 parliamentary constituencies, previously all Conservative. Just 10 short months on from this victory, the Westminster group in Staffordshire will be less than comfortable with their own future representing their constituency.

So, Staffordshire, like nine of the other local authorities that now have a Reform administration at the helm, is now a council governed by councillors with largely no experience in politics or local government.

With very little in the way of decisive policy in the run-up to the election aside from their general rhetoric around climate change, immigration and Doge-like cuts, critics will be watching eagerly to see whether the group can put Nigel Farage's campaigning poetry into governing prose.

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