

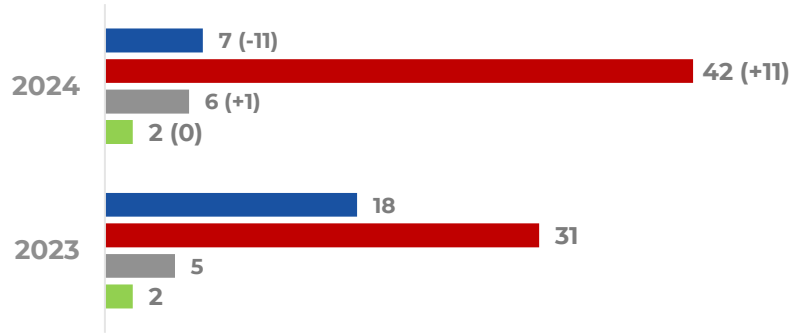
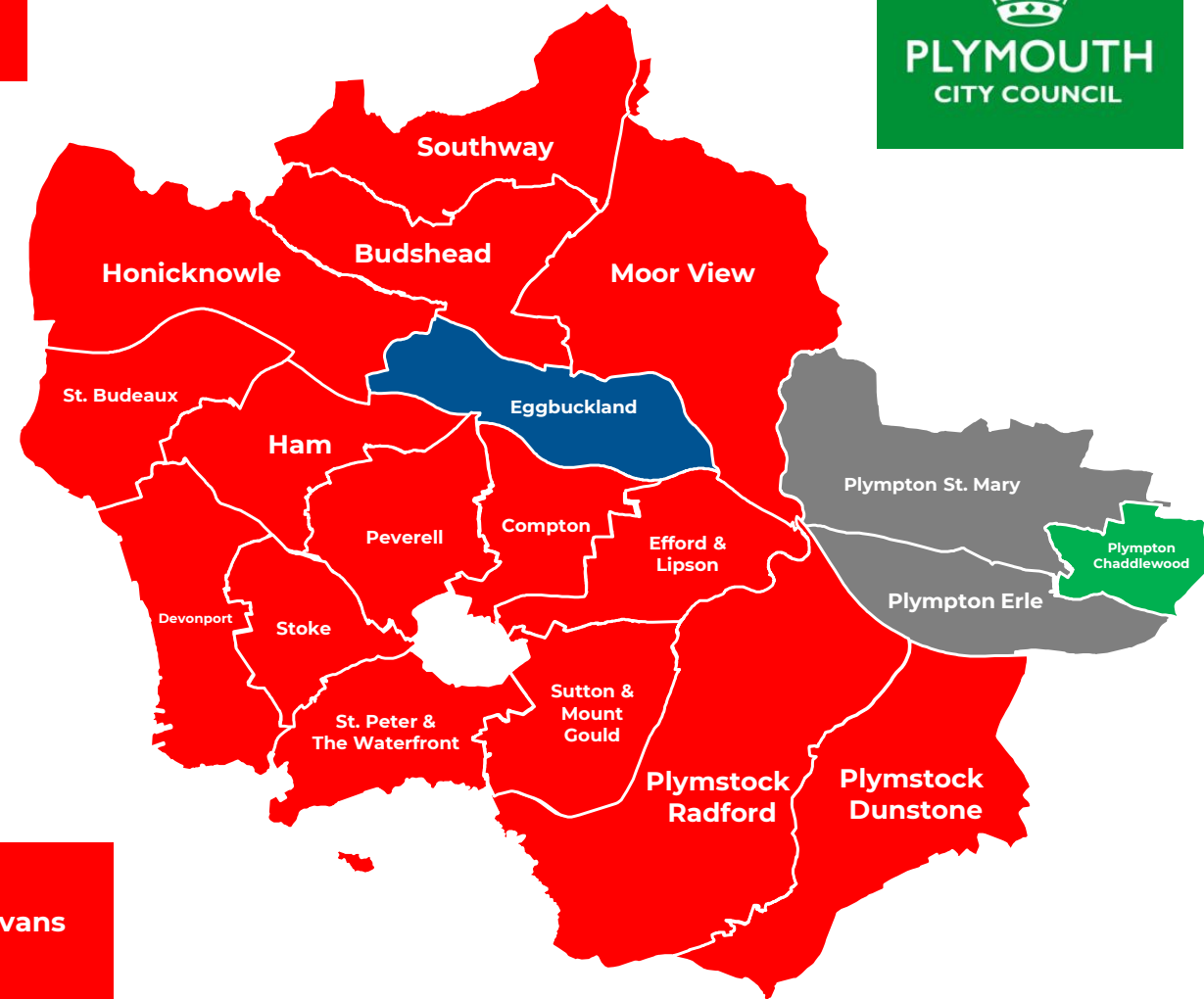
# Plymouth City Council

## Local election results May 2024

(Note: One-third of seats in the council contested – the map reflects the voting outcome [at this election](#). Council seat tally also reflects a by-election held in June 2023 due to a councillor death.)



Lab HOLD:  
Turnout: 31.6%



■ Conservative ■ Labour ■ Independent/other ■ Green

### Labour control continues as Tories reduced to single figures

- **Labour supermajority:** After years of regular political change, party infighting, and slim majorities, Labour now hold an extremely comfortable majority on Plymouth City Council and look set to be in charge for years to come, holding 42 seats compared to a combined 15 for opposition parties.
- **Tory woes continue:** Following a dire set of results in 2023, the situation for the Conservatives in Plymouth has gone from bad to worse. They have taken a series of blows both from Labour and Independents.
- **Parliamentary consequences:** The Conservatives are down to a mere handful of Councillors in Johnny Mercer's Plymouth Moor View constituency that he has held since 2015. This seat will be fiercely fought at the next General Election.

**Council Leader**  
**Elect: Cllr Tudor Evans**

# Tory punishment continues as Labour sweeps to victory

As the sun rose over Home Park, the stronghold of Plymouth Argyle FC, the Green Army gears up for a pivotal match against their relegation fight on Saturday versus Hull City. Meanwhile, in the city's political game, the Labour team, managed by Cllr Tudor Evans since 1998, experienced no such final-day nerves. Their electoral gameplan was executed with precision, capturing traditionally strong Tory opposition areas like the suburban Plymstock Radford.

Labour's significant victory over the Conservatives represents the equivalent of a 5-0 trouncing. The Conservatives, once a formidable side, saw their numbers more than halved. Their sole consolation was a narrow win in Eggbuckland, a match clinched by just 16 votes—barely keeping hope alive amid a series of tough defeats.

The Conservatives didn't just lose to Labour; they also lost ground to Independent challengers in a widespread concession of voter possession in areas like Plympton St Mary and Plympton Erle.

While the gap between Labour and the Tories is significant, Cllr Tudor Evans is unlikely to celebrate prematurely. He's aware of the potential pitfalls that come with unchecked success and a large team of players (or Councillors) to manage. He'll be determined to avoid the internal conflicts that once plagued his Conservative counterparts.

As this electoral season draws to a close, the upcoming General Election looms like a decisive final game for the Conservatives, with well-known MP Johnny Mercer defending his position in the marginal Plymouth Moor View. Given the evening's results, it's akin to a team needing a miracle to escape relegation.

The city watches intently. Will the Green Army overcome their relegation threat? Can the Labour team maintain its cohesion and dominance? The immediate future holds these answers, but today, Labour's victory is theirs to savour, while the Conservatives must regroup and rejuvenate, hoping to alter their form at the General Election.

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