




Blair battered in polls

Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour Party, shaken by allegations of government incompetence and sleaze, has lost more than 255 council seats in local elections



After 163 of 176 councils declared

| Party | Councils | | Councillors | |
|--|----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | +/- | Total | +/- | Total |
|  CON | 12 | 67 | 251 | 1,569 |
|  LAB | -18 | 24 | -256 | 1,062 |
|  LIB DEM | 1 | 13 | 18 | 781 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | -13 | 167 |
| No overall control | 5 | 59 | — | — |

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