



East Hampshire Conservatives

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Conservatives hail “fantastic” results in Hampshire and nationwide *Net change in Hampshire (number of councillors): Con +19; LD -1; Lab -13*

Although there were no council elections in East Hants last week, 197 seats were up for grabs elsewhere in the county.

The big winners were David Cameron’s Conservatives who took council seats from both Labour and the Lib Dems. The net result was the Hampshire Tories’ tally up by 19 seats. This was accompanied by the party dramatically taking control of Basingstoke & Deane council, and re-taking Southampton from a Lib-Lab alliance.

Nationally, it was the best result for the Conservatives since 1992, gaining 256 councillors and 12 councils, with the icing on the cake of ousting ‘Red Ken’ Livingstone from the London mayoralty.

East Hants parliamentary candidate Damian Hinds commented: “This is a clearly a fantastic result for us. It is particularly important here in the south that we took seats from both Labour and the Liberals – proving it wasn’t just a protest against Mr Brown. But there is a long way to go til the general election and we’re certainly taking nothing for granted.”

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