

Unison Scotland Summary Document

Sample size: 1,009

Fieldwork dates: 8th - 9th March 2017

Method: Scottish adults aged 16+ interviewed online

Holyrood Constituency VI

CON 25%

LAB 16%

LD 8%

SNP 50%

Other 2%

Holyrood List VI

CON 22%

LAB 18%

LD 8%

SNP 38%

UKIP 4%

Green 9%

Other 1%

Which of the following issues are the three most important to you and your family ahead of the upcoming local council elections in Scotland? (Pick 3 choices)

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
The economy	51%	67%	45%	47%
Crime and Policing	30%	39%	35%	23%
The provision of affordable housing	26%	14%	30%	30%
Environment, agriculture & rural affairs	17%	17%	15%	16%
The UK's relationship with the European Union, post-Brexit	40%	38%	38%	45%
Public services (schools, hospitals & GP services, council services etc)	72%	74%	74%	70%
The availability and security of jobs and the level of wages	44%	31%	45%	51%
Public transport (buses, rail etc)	20%	21%	19%	19%

To what extent do you trust or not trust the following sources of information to accurately describe the current state of public services in Scotland?

	Trust (total)	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust (total)
Trade unions representing public sector workers	32%	41%	27%
Journalists and the media	20%	33%	47%
Westminster politicians	16%	27%	58%
Holyrood politicians	27%	31%	42%
Academics	56%	33%	11%
Friends and family	72%	24%	4%

Which of the following types of organisations do you believe delivers the best quality public services?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
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Public sector organisations (such as local councils and the NHS)	50%	41%	55%	56%
Charities and social enterprises	13%	10%	12%	14%
Private sector organisations (such as businesses)	19%	31%	18%	16%
Don't know	17%	18%	14%	13%

To what extent are the following deliverers of public services accountable to (i.e. able to be scrutinised by) the public?

	Accountable	Not accountable	Don't know
Public sector organisations (such as local councils and the NHS)	71%	15%	13%
Charities and social enterprises (such as co-operatives)	52%	26%	22%
Private sector organisations (such as businesses)	44%	37%	19%

What proportion of total funding for council services in Scotland do you think council tax and local business rates represent?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
0-19%	22%	21%	23%	24%
20-39%	39%	37%	43%	41%
40-59%	27%	29%	25%	25%
60-79%	9%	11%	7%	9%
80-100%	3%	2%	2%	2%

Currently, your local council only raises 15% of funding through local taxation, If a greater proportion of public services were funded locally, which of the following do you think is most likely to happen to those services?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
They would become more locally accountable to the	50%	55%	49%	54%

needs of residents				
They would become less locally accountable to the needs of residents	9%	7%	12%	11%
They would be no more or less locally accountable to the needs of residents	20%	22%	22%	19%
Don't know	21%	16%	18%	17%

Do you think that local services have declined or improved in your local area in recent years?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
Declined (total)	59%	66%	64%	59%
Stayed about the same	30%	27%	25%	33%
Improved (total)	6%	5%	9%	6%
Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%

You said that local services have declined in your local area in recent years. Who do you think is the most responsible for this?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
The government	35%	32%	41%	39%
Local councils	26%	36%	30%	23%
All are equally responsible	36%	30%	26%	37%
None of these are responsible	1%	1%	-	-
Don't know	2%	1%	4%	1%

To what extent do you think that the amount of your taxes that are spent in your local area is too much, too little, or about right?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
Too much (total)	12%	7%	19%	12%
About the right amount	22%	30%	23%	21%
Not enough (total)	49%	49%	42%	56%

Don't know	17%	13%	16%	12%
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Who do you trust the most to deliver public services in your local area?

	All	CON	LAB	SNP
Local councils	41%	40%	49%	45%
The government	8%	8%	9%	9%
Private companies	12%	20%	13%	11%
None of the above	25%	18%	18%	24%
Don't know	14%	11%	12%	11%