

Greens set for record number of councillors after first breakthroughs



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Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer responded to the first council elections results:

"I'm delighted to see the first ever Green Party councillors elected to Newcastle City Council which show that voters are increasingly putting their trust in Greens to deliver a fairer, greener country.

"In Byker ward in Newcastle, the Green candidate, Nick Hartley, won over 50 per cent of the vote. And in Elswick ward, Khaled Musharraf was elected with notable movement of Muslim voters from Labour to Green.

"The Newcastle gains from Labour come alongside two stunning gains in South Tyneside – one from Labour and one from the Conservatives.

"These results show us reaching new areas of the country – and we are achieving that because our message of hope is being heard by new groups of voters.

"In these elections we have argued for practical solutions to the cost of living crisis, the climate crisis and the cuts to public services, that are clearly resonating with voters.

"We have some big results to look forward to in elections being counted throughout the weekend, including in Bristol, where we have a Green target seat for the General Election, but already this is proving a very positive night for the Greens.

"More results like this and we can be confident that we have put down the firmest of foundations for our General Election campaign when we are going to do everything we can to get at least four Green MPs elected to Parliament."

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