# **Place over politics** What polling tells us about devolution

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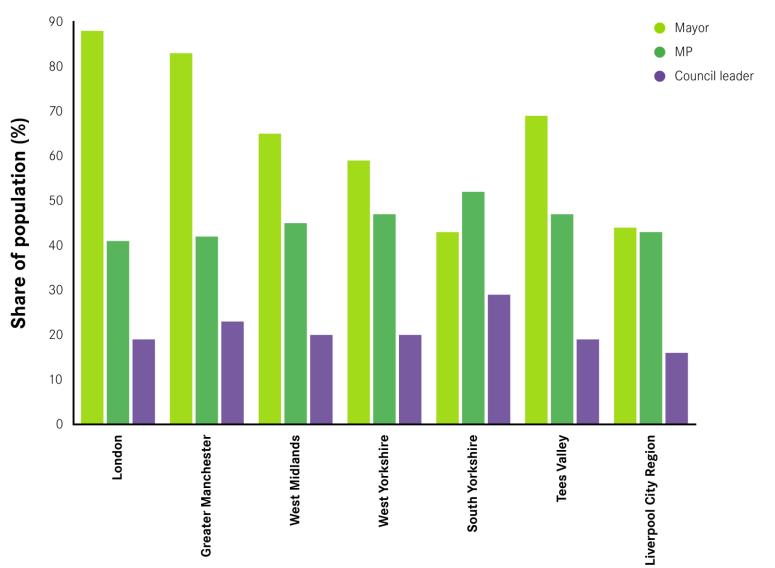
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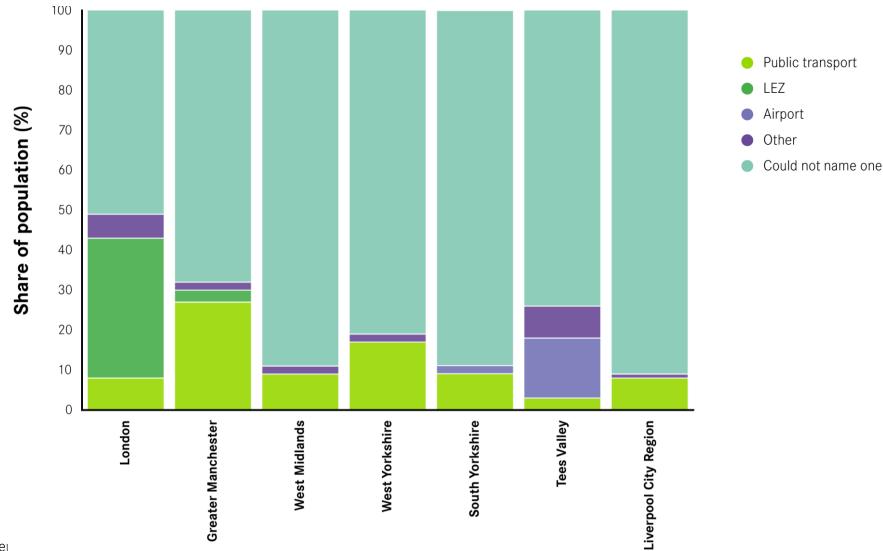
# What we did

- Polling of 3,455 people over 18 years old across 9 areas
  - London 628
  - Greater Manchester 501
  - West Midlands 452
  - West Yorkshire 412
  - Liverpool City Region 287
  - South Yorkshire 255
  - Tees Valley 155
  - North-East 390
  - East Midlands 365
- Survey in the field from 26 February 2024 to 15 March 2024

#### Mayors are better known than other local politicians



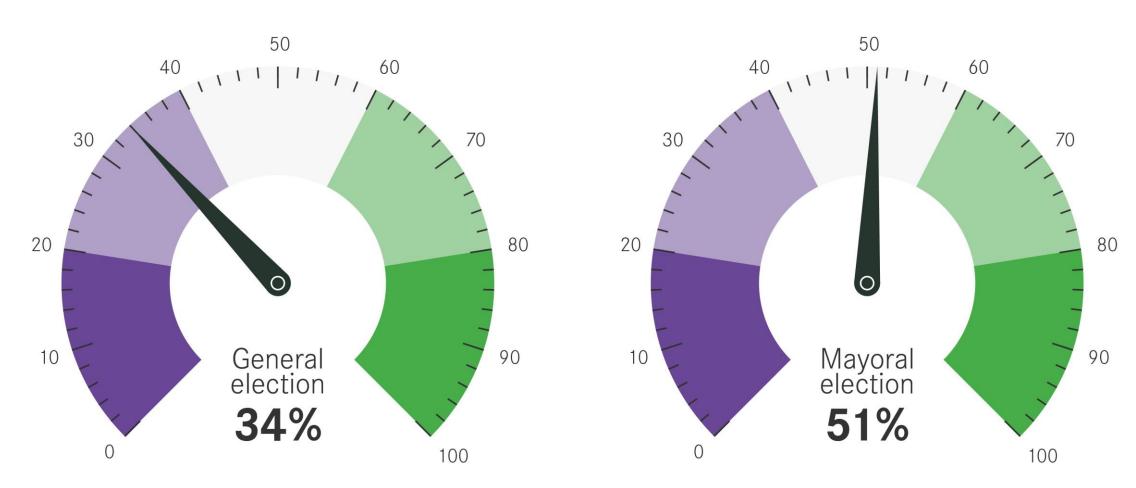
#### Transport policies have most cut through



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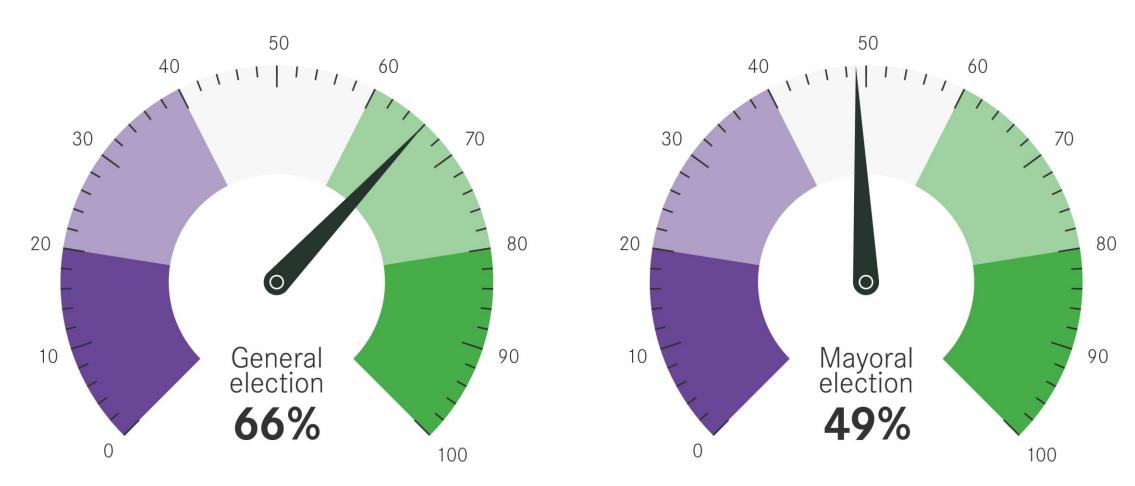
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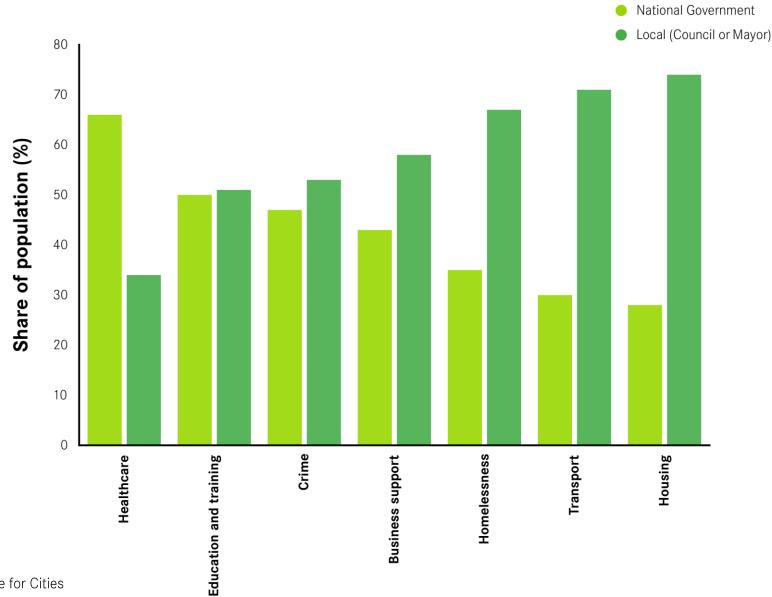


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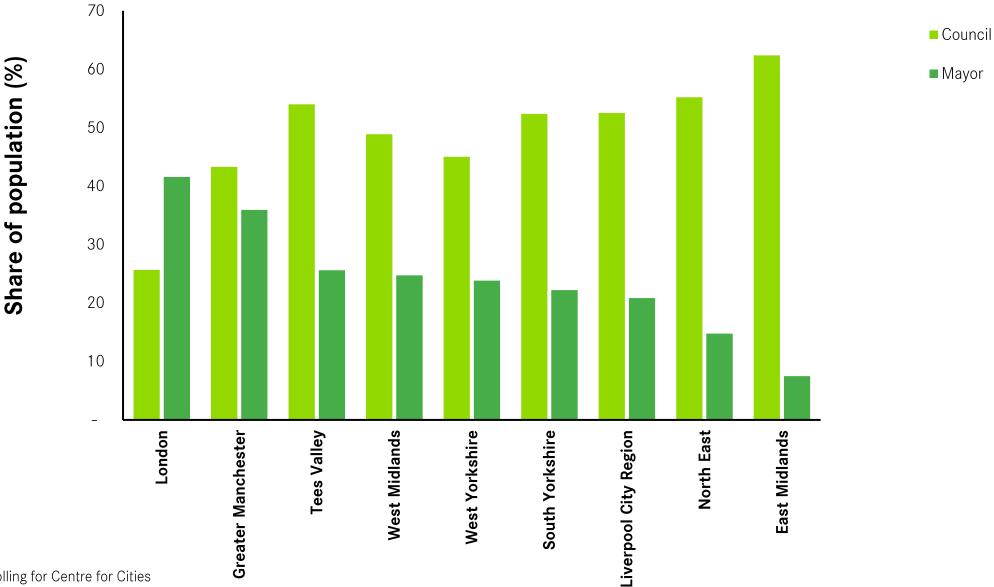
Political party



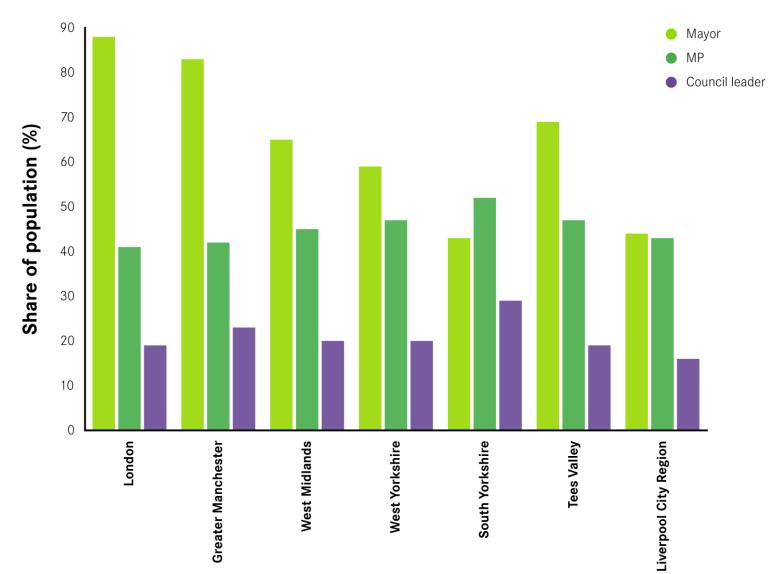
## **People want policies local**



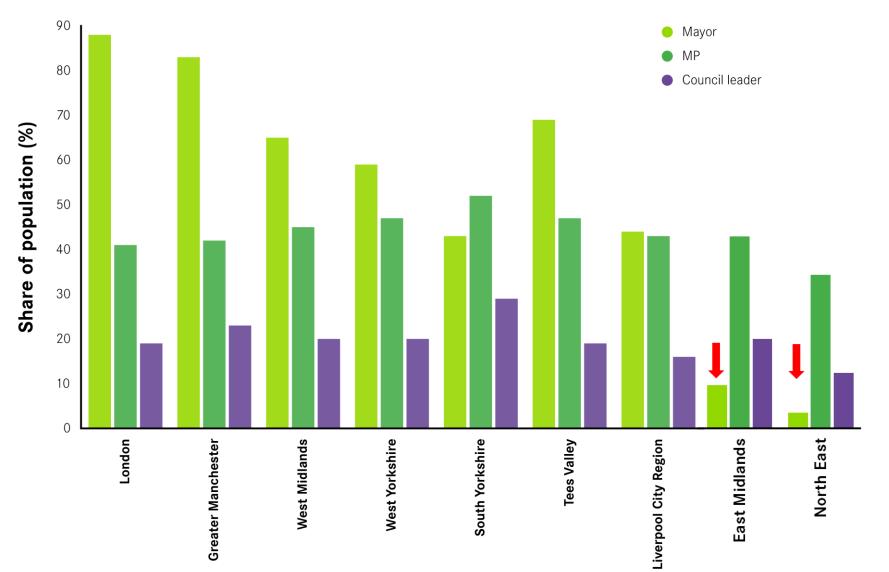
### But it's less clear that this means mayors



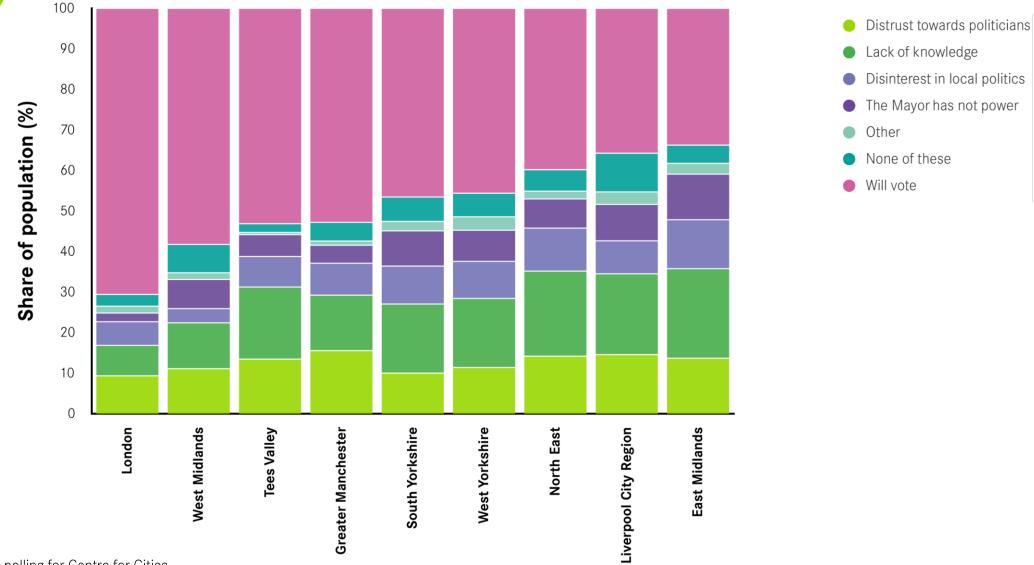
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#### And a campaign is needed to increase awareness



# Conclusions Progress:

- Mayors have proved to be more visible
- Devolution is shifting local elections away from politics towards place

#### Work to be done:

- People want policy to be local, but there is a job for mayors to show this means them
- Lack of awareness is a big factor in the new mayoralties



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