

Table 4

VOTES CAST AT BOROUGH ELECTIONS

These figures are presented in two ways. First, as “Raw Data”, where all votes are summed, irrespective of the number of Councillors to be elected per ward and the number of candidates nominated per Party. Second, and where appropriate, as “Averaged Data”, where only the average vote per Party per ward is used. Although the latter method avoids distortions caused by parties not necessarily nominating a complete “slate” of candidates in each ward, it cannot compensate for “missing” votes in a contested ward where a Party nominates no candidates, or where there is an unopposed return.

Raw Data:

	C	%	Lab	%	L	%	Oth*	%	Total
1954	124,532	61.8	72,873	36.2	2,826	1.4	1,184	0.6	201,415
1955	34,447	62.4	20,022	36.3	599	1.1	103	0.2	55,171
1956	24,005	54.2	18,003	40.6	2,152	4.9	130	0.3	44,290
1957	23,347	49.5	23,850	50.5	-	-	-	-	47,197
1958	27,365	52.8	18,649	35.9	5,890	11.3	-	-	51,904
1959	37,687	60.3	21,769	34.9	2,351	3.8	622	1.0	62,429
1960	31,251	56.0	13,905	24.9	10,284	18.4	418	0.7	55,858
1961	28,372	50.0	15,615	27.5	11,504	20.3	1,275	2.2	56,766
1962	26,422	35.7	19,087	25.8	27,695	37.3	866	1.2	74,070
1963	30,681	40.9	21,473	28.7	22,588	30.2	152	0.2	74,894

* Comprising:-
 1954: Com 668; ILP 516.
 1955: Com 103.
 1956: Com 130.
 1959: Ind 622.
 1960: Ind C 312; Com 106.
 1961: Res A 867; Ind C 213; Com 195.
 1962: Res A 764; Com 102.
 1963: Com 152.

Averaged Data:

	C	%	Lab	%	L	%	Oth	%	Total
1954	41,511	59.5	25,310	36.3	1,758	2.5	1,184	1.7	69,762
1957	22,097	50.7	21,448	49.3	-	-	-	-	43,544
1958	25,241	50.7	18,649	37.5	5,890	11.8	-	-	49,780
1961	25,711	48.1	14,913	27.9	11,504	21.5	1,275	2.5	53,403
1962	25,015	36.0	17,726	25.5	25,927	37.3	866	1.2	69,533
1963	28,124	40.1	20,620	29.4	21,290	30.3	152	0.2	70,186