

Opinions of councillors, officers and stakeholders in a representative sample of 40 authorities with and with out mayors.

<i>Agree/strongly agree that...</i>	<b>... local authorities without a mayor %</b>	<b>...local authorities with a mayor %</b>
Decision-making is quicker	46	61
The role of leader has become stronger	69	79
The leader of the council has a higher public profile	59	82
It is easier to find out who has made specific decisions	40	48
The public is more involved in decision-making	16	30
The council is better at dealing with cross-cutting issues	40	48
The council's relations with partners have improved	46	57
It is easier to find out about council policy	51	59
Backbench members are more engaged	11	12
Political parties dominate decision-making	47	29
It is easier for women to become involved in council business	22	34
It is easier for ethnic minorities to become involved in council business	16	34
Issues of ethical conduct have a higher profile	41	43

Source: Stoker G, Gains F, Greasley S, John P, and Rao N (2007) *The New Council Constitutions: the Outcomes and Impact of the Local Government Act 2000* London: HMSO.