



Sinn Féin



INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023
ELECTION SPECIAL

Local Government
Election 2023

SF 144 (+39)	DUP 122 (-)	AP 67 (+14)	UUP 54 (-21)	SDLP 39 (-20)	OTHER 36 (-12)
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HISTORIC ELECTION

ONUS ON GOVERNMENTS TO GET EXECUTIVE UP AND RUNNING

Sinn Féin has been returned as the largest party with a record number of 144 local councillors elected and 30.9% of first preference votes.

Following the historical election, Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald said the results of the election are a clear signal that people want politics to work for all.

The Sinn Féin Leader said:

“Sinn Féin went into the election campaign with a positive message to make politics work for all.

“We asked people to vote for Sinn Féin candidates who will work hard in councils every day to deliver on the issues that matter to them.

“The election was an opportunity to send a clear signal.

“To support positive leadership and a party that wants to get the Assembly up and running, deliver first-class council services, support people with the cost-

of-living crisis, and invest in the health service.

“The voters have now spoken; we are now the largest party in local government with 144 councillors and we are in an era of historic change.”

During a press conference in the aftermath of the seismic election results, Sinn Féin Vice-President and First Minister Designate in the North Michelle O’Neill said:

“The British and Irish governments are co-guarantors of the Good Friday Agreement and its political institutions.

“The onus is now firmly on the two governments to come together and meet to put in place a plan to restore power-sharing.

“They should call a meeting of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference as soon as possible to begin work immediately on getting the institutions back up and running. That

meeting should be at a Taoiseach and British Prime Minister level.

“Sinn Féin stands ready to get on with the job and work with others around the Executive table to get things moving, without any more delay.

“Despite the challenges we are facing into, we are living in a time of enormous hope and optimism.

“The political landscape across the island is changing and Sinn Féin is leading that change.

“We are in a decade of opportunity, and people want new beginnings.

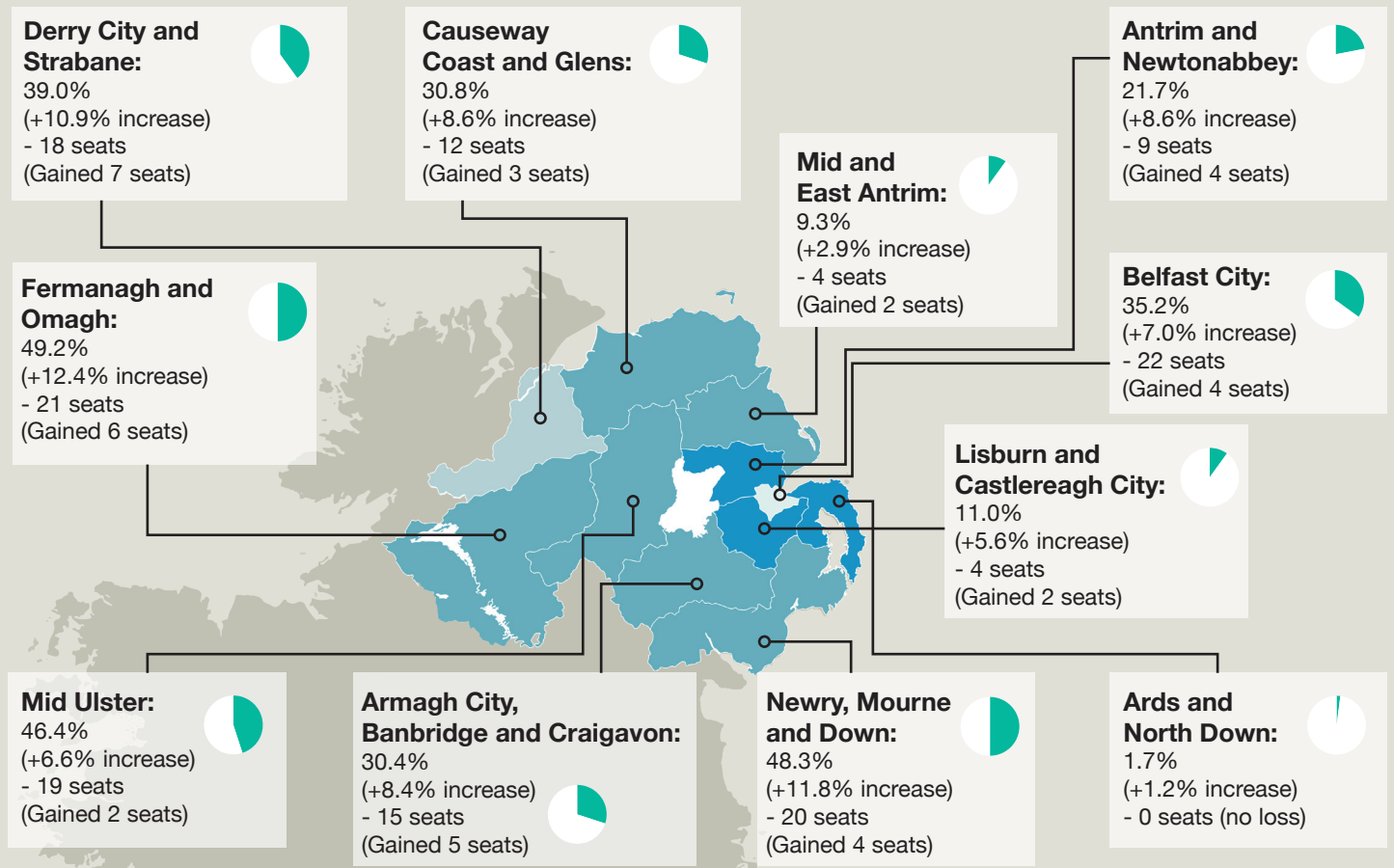
“We said that we will work for all; and I said I would work as a First Minister for All.

“We are ready to start that work today.

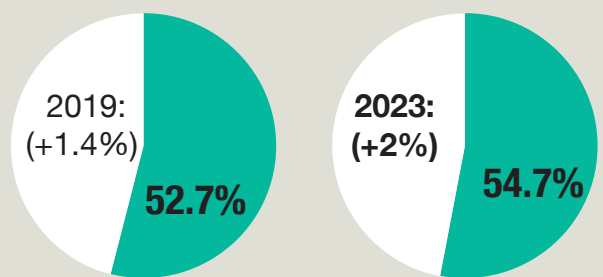
“One party’s boycott of the Assembly cannot go on and an Executive must be formed.

“It is time to make politics work to deliver for all right across this island.”

Constituency Map: SF 1st Preference % share / seat allocation



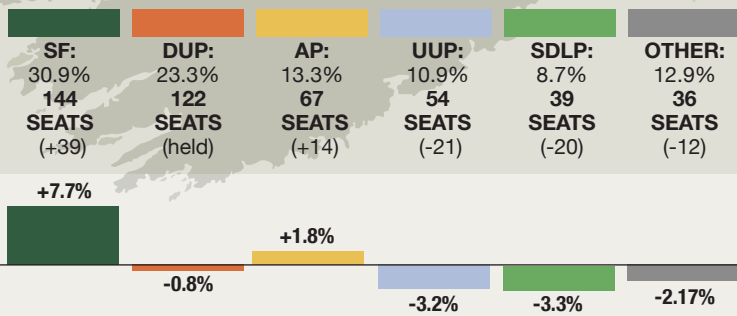
ELECTORAL TURNOUT:



Election Highlights:

- ➔ 40% of Sinn Féin Councillors are now women
- ➔ Sinn Féin is the largest party in local council elections for the first time
- ➔ Sinn Féin continues to grow as the largest party on the island of Ireland
- ➔ Pro-Irish Unity parties received 41.5% with pro-UK on 38.1%

2023 Election Statistics:



2019 Election Statistics:

