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Annex: Documentation of the questionnaire

A Questions about the council and actors in local democracy

1 How much influence does the Council in your municipality have over the following tasks?		Very high influence	High influence	Some influence	Little influence	No influence	Not an activity for the municipality
1	Defining administrative procedures	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Financial programming/evaluation	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Urban planning	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Industrial and economic development	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Environmental protection	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Strategic planning	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Relations with other local authorities	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Organisation of collective services	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Appointment of local chief executives	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>

2 Who in your municipality mainly serves the following functions - committees or the full council?		Only committees	Mostly committees	Both, to equal extent	Mostly the council	Only the council	Neither of them
10	To represent the interests of local people	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
11	To enable the participation of people other than politicians in deliberations	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
12	To allow in-depth discussion of particular issues	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
13	To represent the interests of parties	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
14	To oversee the work of a department	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
15	To make strategic policy decisions	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
16	To make day-to-day management decisions	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
17	To allow politicians to develop specialisms	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
18	To propose or develop new policies	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>

3 Please indicate the political balance of your council:		
20	1 <input type="checkbox"/> A single party with an overall majority	19 Please state which party:
21	2 <input type="checkbox"/> A single party without an overall majority	Please state which party:
22	3 <input type="checkbox"/> A coalition	Please describe:
23	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Please describe:

4 If your municipality is governed by a coalition, how would you characterise the agreement?		
24	There is a distribution of posts	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0 <input type="checkbox"/> No
25	There is agreement on policies	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0 <input type="checkbox"/> No

5 On the basis of your experience as a local councillor in your municipality, and independently of the formal procedures, please indicate how influential each of the following actors is over local authority activities.							
		Very high influence	High influence	Some influence	Little influence	No influence	Not relevant
26	The Mayor	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
27	The President of the Council	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
28	The Presidents of Council Committees	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
29	The Executive board	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Single councillors	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Myself	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
32	The Heads of Departments in the Municipality	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
33	The Municipal Chief Executive Officer	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
34	Professional Consultants/Experts	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
35	Local MPs or Ministers	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
36	Local trade unions	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
37	Journalists	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
38	Local businesspeople	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
39	National and international firms	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
40	The Church	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
41	Local (voluntary) associations	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
42	Local single issue groups	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
43	Neighbourhood or decentralised bodies	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
44	Party leaders	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
45	The party groups in the council	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
46	Party organisations	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
47	Regional and upper levels of government	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>

6 If a firm wanted to develop a project in the locality and expected that the council would not approve of it, which actors would it have to gain the support of in order to influence the council?		
	Yes	No
48	The leaders of the party groups in the council	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
49	The leader of one or more committees	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
50	The Mayor	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
51	The Members of the executive body	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
52	The Heads of Departments in the Municipality	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
53	Professional Consultants/ Experts	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
54	Local businesspeople, shop-owners, etc.	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
55	Local Chambers of commerce	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
56	Local MPs or Ministers	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
57	Local trade unions	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
58	Journalists	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
59	The Church	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
60	Local (voluntary) associations	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
61	Local single issue groups	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
62	Regional/Upper levels of Government	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
63	Other	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>

B Questions about your role as councillor

7	For how many years have you been a councillor in total?
64	For years

8 Were you elected as a candidate

65 of a national party. *Please state which party:* 66
 of a local party
 as an individual or independent candidate

9 How did you become a candidate the first time you were nominated?

67 I proposed myself
 I was asked by others

10 In your experience as a councillor, how important are the following tasks for you as a councillor:

	Very great	Great	Moderate	Little	None
68 Defining the main goals of the municipality	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
69 Controlling municipal activity	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
70 Representing the requests and issues emerging from local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
71 Publicising debate on local issues before decisions are taken	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
72 Explaining decisions of the council to the citizens	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
73 Implementing the programme of my political party/ movement	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
74 Supporting the executive	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
75 Mediating conflicts in local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
76 Promoting the views and interests of minorities in local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
77 Promoting the views and interests of women in local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

11 Do you get a satisfactory amount of information from the municipal administration to perform your job as a councillor?

	Completely satisfactory	Mostly satisfactory	Neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory	Mainly unsatisfactory	Completely unsatisfactory
78	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>

12 Do you receive an allowance as a councillor?

79 Yes 1 No 0

13 Considering your responsibilities, do you think your allowance as a councillor is adequate or not?

80 Not Adequate 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Adequate

14 How much time per month do you spend on the following activities?

	Average number of hours per month
81 Council and committee meetings
82 Meetings with the party's council group
83 Other party meetings and activities
84 Public debates, meetings with citizens et c
85 Meetings with administrative staff
86 Field visits to municipal institutions
87 Desk work preparing your activity in the Council
88 Other important activity as councillor,
89 please specify

15 How frequently do you have contact with the following individuals or groups?		A few times a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	(Almost) never
90	The mayor	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
91	Members of the executive board	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
92	Committee Leaders	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
93	The President of the council	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
94	Members of my party group	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
95	Members of other party groups	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
96	The leaders of my own local party organisation	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
97	The Municipality Chief Executive Officer	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
98	Civil servants in the municipality	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
99	Union representatives	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
100	Leading actors from voluntary associations	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
101	Women's organisations	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
102	Organisations of ethnic minorities	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
103	Representatives of upper levels of government	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
104	Representatives of public agencies at the local level	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
105	Private business representatives	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
106	Journalists	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
107	Individual citizens in your role as a councillor	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

16 How important is it for you as a local councillor to represent the following groups or interests?		Of utmost importance	Of great importance	Of moderate importance	Of little importance	Not important at all
108	The whole locality	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
109	Ethnic minority(ies)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
110	Women	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
111	Workers	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
112	The middle class	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
113	Local business groups	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
114	Farmers	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
115	Religious groups/the Church	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
116	Some particular local government service	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
117	Less resourceful citizens	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
118	A particular geographic part of the locality	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

17 If there should be a conflict between a member's own opinion, the opinion of the party group in the council or the opinion of the voters, how should, in your opinion, a member of the council vote?	
119	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Vote according to his/her own conviction
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Vote according to the opinion of the party group
	3 <input type="checkbox"/> Vote according to the opinion of the voters

C Questions about your views on local democracy and local policy

18	How important are in your opinion the following goals for your local authority	Of ut- most im- portance	Of great import- ance	Of mod- erate im- portance	Of little import- ance	Not im- portant at all
120	To attract economic activities to the city	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
121	To develop high-tech activities	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
122	To regenerate or rebuild the city-centre	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
123	To improve infrastructures and services for transport	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
124	To improve the aesthetics of the city	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
125	To develop leisure and cultural services	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
126	To develop housing	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
127	To defend the traditional cohesion of local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
128	To emphasise diversity and tolerance in the local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
129	To improve the level of services and well-being in the city	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
130	To reduce pollution	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
131	To improve the external image of the city	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
132	To attract new population	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
133	To attract a wealthier population	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
134	To improve the position of women in local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
135	To fight against social exclusion and poverty	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
136	Other	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
137	please specify.....					

19	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strong- ly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor dis- agree	Dis- agree	Strong ly dis- agree
138	Political parties are the most suitable arena for citizen participation	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
139	An important task of a councillor is to defend the interests of under-represented groups	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
140	Local referenda lead to high quality of public debate	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
141	Competition between service providers facilitates citizen choice in public services	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
142	Decentralisation of local government is necessary to involve citizens in public affairs	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
143	Public-private partnerships are more effective in solving problems than public administration and representative bodies	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
144	Political decisions should not only be taken by representative bodies but be negotiated together with the concerned local actors	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
145	Female representatives can better than men look out for women's interests	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
146	Local bureaucrats should as far as possible stick to politically defined goals.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
147	Women councillors often cooperate in the council, irrespective of party membership	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
148	The integrity of the leading councillors is high and it is not possible to get a favourable decision by offering benefits to the councillors.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
149	Politicians should only define objectives and control outputs, and never intervene into the task fulfilment of local administration.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

150	The need for changes and reorganisation of the local government sector has been greatly exaggerated.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
151	There are few benefits from contracting out or privatising services in the municipality	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
152	Male and female councillors put forward different questions in local politics	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

20		There is often talk about a left-right dimension in [Swedish] politics. Where would you place yourself on a left-right dimension?										
		Left									Right	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
153		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21		People have different ideas about how local democracy should function. Please indicate how important for local democracy you feel the following requirements are:				
		Of ut- most import- ance	Of great import- ance	Of mod- erate im- portance	Of little import- ance	Not im- portant at all
154	Residents should participate actively and directly in making important local decisions.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
155	Residents should have the opportunity to make their views known before important local decisions are made by elected representatives.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
156	Apart from voting, citizens should not be given the opportunity to influence local government policies	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
157	Council decisions should reflect a majority opinion among the residents.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
158	Political representatives should make what they think are the right decisions, independent of the current views of local people.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
159	Local politicians should try to generate consensus and shared values among local citizens/groups.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
160	The results of local elections should be the most important factor in determining municipal policies	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

22		How effective are the following instruments in letting local politicians know public opinion irrespective of whether such reforms have been introduced in your own country or municipality?				
		Very ef- fective	Effective	Moderately ef- fective	Not suf- ficiently ef- fective	Not effective
161	Voting	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
162	Party meetings	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
163	Petitions	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
164	Citizens juries	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
165	Public meetings	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
166	Satisfaction surveys	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
167	Complaints schemes	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
168	Referenda	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
169	Consultation with local agencies	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
170	Consultation with community groups	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

23 How effective do you consider the use made by the council and the councillors of the instruments available to them?		Very effective	Effective	Moderately effective	Not sufficiently effective	Not effective
171	Questions	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
172	Interpellation	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
173	Motion (e.g. declaration of agreement with decision of Municipality)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
174	Resolution	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
175	Placing items on agenda	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
176	Right to inquiry	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
177	Right to information	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
178	Scrutiny	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
179	Local referenda	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

24 In your experience as a councillor, how would you define <u>your contribution</u> regarding the following tasks?		Very great	Great	Moderate	Little	None
180	Defining the main goals of the municipality	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
181	Controlling municipal activity	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
182	Representing the requests and issues emerging from local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
183	Publicising the debate on local issues before decisions are taken	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
184	Explaining decisions of the council to the citizens	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
185	Implementing the programme of my political party/ movement	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
186	Supporting the executive	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
187	Mediating conflicts in the local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
188	Promoting the views and interests of minorities in local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
189	Promoting the views and interests of women in local society	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

25 Below are a number of reforms that have been introduced in municipalities in different European countries. Irrespective of whether such reforms have been introduced in your own country or municipality, how desirable or undesirable do you consider the following reforms:		Highly desirable	Desirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Undesirable	Highly undesirable
190	An advisory (non-binding) referendum	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
191	A decisive (binding) referendum	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
192	Frequent surveys to monitor local public opinion	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
193	Direct elections of mayors	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
194	Co-decision procedures, where –citizens can discuss and make binding decisions on certain local issues.	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
195	Devolution of responsibilities to neighbourhood organizations	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
196	Citizen consultation procedure, where citizens are informed about and can support or criticize municipal proposals	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
197	Transferring the powers of scrutiny over municipal services to user boards	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
198	Reducing the number of members of the Council	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

D Questions concerning your political career and your party

26 Do you presently hold any of the following elective or executive offices? Have you previously held any of these offices?		Yes, today	Not now, but before	No, Never
199	Member of Parliament	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
200	Minister	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
201	Councillor in another municipality	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
202	Mayor in another municipality	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
203	Member of regional (or provincial) executive board	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
204	Member of parish council	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
205	Member of board of council-owned joint stock company or foundation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
206	Member of a council committee	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
207	President of a council committee	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
208	Member of the executive board	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
209	President of the council	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
210	Delegate of the mayor	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
211	Regional councillor	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
212	Provincial councillor	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
213	Member of a co-operative body of Local Authorities	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

27 Are you, or have you previously been, a member or held a position in the following types of organisations?		At present		Not now, but before		Never been a member	
		Elected or appointed position	Only member	Elected or appointed position	Only member		
214	215	Trade union	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
216	217	Business/professional association	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
218	219	Humanitarian organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
220	221	Sport/athletic organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
222	223	Women's organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
224	225	Environmental organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
226	227	Ethnic minority organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
228	229	Religious organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
230	231	Neighbourhood organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
232	233	Other organisation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
		– please specify:					
234							

28 Are you presently a party member?		236
235	0 <input type="checkbox"/> No 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Please specify which party:	

29 When did you first become a party member:		238
237	Year: Please specify which party	
	0 <input type="checkbox"/> I have never belonged to any party	

30 Do you presently have, or have you previously had, a position (board member etc) in your party's organisation (beside the party's council group)?		Yes, presently	Yes, previously	No, never	Not applicable. My party does not have such an organisation or I'm not a member of a party
239	In the local party organisation	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
240	Upper level party organisations	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

31 What is your opinion on the following statements about your party?		Agree totally	Partly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Partly disagree	Disagree totally	Not applicable
241	The local party organisation has much influence over the decisions of the party's council group	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
242	The party's council group has much influence over the decisions of the local party	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
243	The leader of the party group usually informs and seeks the support of the party group when decisions are taken	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>

32 Have you got a seat in the council due to the preferential voting system, i.e. although you have not been placed in higher positions of your party or local list?	
244	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0 <input type="checkbox"/> No

33 As a candidate in the last election, to what extent did you have the support of the following groups:		Very great	Great	Some	Little	Not at all
245	National organ(s) of your party	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
246	Your party wing/fraction	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
247	Your party at the local level	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
248	National politician(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
249	Local prestigious person(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
250	Trade union(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
251	Local business group(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
252	Women's organisation(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
253	Local media	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
254	The church	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
255	Local (voluntary) association(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
256	Ethnic group(s)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

34 When you first accepted to become a candidate, how important were the following reasons? Please indicate the importance of each motive.		Of utmost importance	Of great importance	Of moderate importance	Of little importance	Not important at all
257	General interest in politics	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
258	Possibility to highlight the needs of the group I represent	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
259	It is a chance to learn how the political system functions	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
260	As a councillor I can do a good job for the party I represent	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
261	It is an opportunity to control the administration	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
262	The allowances tempted me to become a councillor	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

263	As a councillor I have the opportunity to make social contacts	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
264	As a councillor I will be held in high esteem	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
265	It is an opportunity to enter into a political career	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
266	As a councillor I have the opportunity to influence specific issues	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
267	It is a citizen duty to engage oneself in municipal affairs	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
268	Other reasons (specify)	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
269					

35	For the time being, what are you planning to do at the end of the present mandate?	
	<i>Please select one of the following alternatives</i>	
270	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to continue as a councillor
	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to continue my political career in a higher political office at the local level
	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to continue my political career in a higher political office at the regional or national level
	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to quit politics

36	If you want to quit politics, could you please state why?		Yes	No
271	I want to concentrate on my profession		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
272	I want to work for a voluntary organisation		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
273	I have done my citizen duty		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
274	I think political work is too time-consuming in relation to family or occupation		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
275	I lack influence (of myself, my party or municipalities in general)		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
276	I am too old		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
277	I will move from the municipality		1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

E Questions about your background

37	How old are you?
278years

38	Are you male or female?
279	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Female

39	For how many years have you lived in your municipality?
280years

40	What is your highest completed education?
281	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary school
	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary school or equivalent
	3 <input type="checkbox"/> University / college or equivalent.

41	In the two last generations, were any of your close relatives elected for a political function?
282	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0 <input type="checkbox"/> No

42 To which occupational category did you belong before your first mandate as a councillor? And to which occupational category do you belong today?

	Before	Now
283 Professional politician (or the like, e.g. cabinet or party function)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
284 Civil servant	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
Business manager	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
Liberal profession (e.g. lawyer, doctor)	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Engineer (or the like, e.g. computer specialist, technician)	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
Clerk	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
Shopkeeper (or the like, e.g. salesman)	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
Labourer	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Farmer or fisher	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Student	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
Retired	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>
Househusband/wife	13 <input type="checkbox"/>	13 <input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify.....	14 <input type="checkbox"/>	14 <input type="checkbox"/>

43 In your present occupation are you

285 1 An employee 2 Self-employed 3 Unemployed/student/retired

44 If you are an employee – Are you employed by a public sector organisation or by a private firm?

	Public sector	Private firm/Voluntary organisation	Employed in both public and private sector	Neither/Not employed
286	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

45 How much time do you spend on the following activities per week?

287 Paid employmenthours/week
 288 Unpaid care and household workhours/week

46 Where were you and your parents born?

	[Sweden]	Another country	Specify which country:
289 I was born in:	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	290.....
291 My mother was born in:	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	292.....
293 My father was born in:	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	294.....

47 To what extent do you feel that you belong to the following groups in society?

	To a high degree	To some degree	Neither high nor low degree	To a low degree	Not at all
295 The working classes	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
296 The middle classes	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
297 The upper classes	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
298 The [Swedish] people	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
299 A religious group	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
300 An ethnic minority group	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

48 How many persons live in your household?

301persons older than 12 years and under-aged children (under the age of 12)
 302

49	Do you have any help with handling the household /care work, except from your husband/wife/partner?	Yes	No
303	Relatives (for ex grandparents)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
304	Nanny/au pair or equivalent	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
305	Service Company	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	0 <input type="checkbox"/>

50	Do you, apart from your own children, have any care responsibilities for other persons due to illness, age, handicap or else?
306	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0 <input type="checkbox"/> No

51	Thank you for taking time to answer the questionnaire. If you have any more comments about the questionnaire or the issues raised in it, please feel free to write them down:
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Thank you!