

West of England Combined Authority Mayor Election
Thursday, 04 May 2017
Prospective Candidate Information Bulletin 3

On Thursday, 04 May 2017, there will be an election to choose who will be the Combined Authority Mayor for the West of England. The election will be held across Bristol City, South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset authorities.

The election will be co-ordinated by Bristol City Council who will act as the Combined Authority Returning Officer (CARO) with responsibility for liaising with candidates, producing a Mayoral booklet, declaring the result and ensuring a consistent approach to delivering the election across all three authority areas.

Dates for your Diary:

1. Mayoral Booklet: Lot Drawing
Wednesday 5th April 2017 (12:00 – 13:00)

Candidates may optionally chose to have an address in the mayoral booklet. They will be entitled to attend the drawing of lots which determines the order that they will appear in the booklet.

Candidates will be notified as to the central Bristol location that will be used to host the event upon submitting a valid set of nomination papers.

2. Briefing: Role & Responsibility of the CAM
Thursday 6th April 2017 (AM)

On Thursday 6th April, the Devolution Programme for the West of England Combined Authority, invites all candidates to a briefing on the roles and responsibilities of the new office.

The briefing will cover the new powers and governance, the devolution deal and areas such as scrutiny and relationships with local partners.

Candidates will be notified as to the central Bristol location that will be used to host the briefing upon submitting a valid set of nomination papers

3. Briefing: Election events, timings and process
Wednesday 12th April 2017 (18:00 – 19:00)

On Wednesday 12th April 2017, the CARO would like to invite all candidates to a briefing on the delivery of the election.

The briefing will cover areas such the declaration of results; information available at each stage of the count; events a candidate is entitled to attend; how to gain access to events; SV ballot papers, and the count process.

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4. Sources of Information:

<https://www.westofengland-ca.org.uk/mayoral-election/>

The new website for information on the West of England Combined Authority Mayor which will include statutory election notices and the results.

- <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/combined-authority-mayoral-elections>

The Electoral Commission guidance on standing for election, spending and donations, the campaign process, your right to attend key electoral events and after the declaration of results

- Enquiries about the nomination process, mayoral booklet and election counts can be directed to Electoral Services at Bristol council:

electoral.candidates@bristol.gov.uk

B Bond [aka The Create Centre]
Smeaton Road,
Bristol BS1 6XN

- Queries relating to the functions of the Combined Authority Mayor may also be sent to electoral.candidates@bristol.gov.uk where they will be forwarded to the Devolution Team to respond.