

West of England Combined Authority Mayor Election

Thursday, 04 May 2017

Prospective Candidate Information Bulletin 4

On Thursday 4th 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.

1. Election Event Venues:

Once a prospective candidate has formally submitted a valid set of nomination papers, they will be provided with confirmation of the locations of the count and postal vote venues across the three authority areas.

Additionally they will receive a formal notice of the number of count guests and the number of each type of agent they are entitled to have attend postal vote sessions, polling stations and the various count locations. This will be provided on Monday 10th April 2017.

Information on the types of agents that a valid candidate is entitled to have is available within the Electoral Commission guidance listed in the Sources of Information section.

To aid your recruitment of volunteers to act as the various agents a record of the number of election event locations per authority area has been listed below.

1.1 Count Venues 4th May from 22:00:

- 1 CARO Results Declaration and Media Centre (Central Bristol location)
- 1 South Gloucestershire Council Count Venue
- 1 Bath & North East Somerset Council Count Venue
- Bristol City Council Count Venues
Due to the size of the authority area, Bristol Council will operate 3 count venues across the City. Additionally a centralised location will be used for candidates and their nominated agents to observe the provisional results and interact with the Local Returning Officer (LRO) for Bristol.
 - 3 count venues
 - 1 "LRO for Bristol" results collation venue.

1.2 Postal Vote Opening Venues:

- 1 South Gloucestershire Council Postal Vote Venue
- 1 Bath & North East Somerset Council Postal Vote Venue
- 1 Bristol City Council Postal Vote Venue

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2. 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 City 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.