

West of England Combined Authority Mayor Election

Thursday, 04th May 2017

Prospective Candidate Information Bulletin 5

On Thursday, 04th 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 Timetable of Nomination Events:

Publication of Notice of Election	Monday, 27 March 2017
First date to return your nomination forms & deposit (to stand as a candidate)	Tuesday 28 March 2017
Last date to return your nomination forms & deposit (to stand as a candidate)	4pm Tuesday 04 April 2017
Last date to withdraw standing as a candidate	4pm Tuesday 04 April 2017
Last date to appoint an election agent	4pm Tuesday 04 April 2017
Last date to submit your (optional) mayoral booklet address & fee	4pm Tuesday 04 April 2017

2 Nomination Process Update:

New method of Payment:

Candidates may pay their deposit and optionally the mayoral booklet contribution by either cash, banker's draft **or debit card**.

Bookings are currently being taken for nomination returns

Prospective candidates may contact electoral.candidates@bristol.gov.uk to arrange an appointment for an informal check of their nomination papers.

3 Electoral Commission Update:

The Electoral Commission have updated [Part 6](#) of our guidance for candidates and agents at combined authority mayoral elections in relation to the declaration of acceptance of office. The final legislation does not apply Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 to combined authority mayoral elections and therefore there is no legal requirement that elected members make a declaration of acceptance of office. This change in the guidance has no impact on candidates and their ability to stand for election.

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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.