

# West of England Mayor Election

## Thursday, 6 May 2021

### Prospective candidate information

#### Timetable of important dates

Here is a list of the main events:

Publication of Notice of Election	Monday, 22 March 2021
First date to return your nomination forms & deposit (to stand as a candidate)	Tuesday 23 March 2021
Last date to return your nomination forms and deposit (to stand as a candidate)	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Last date to withdraw standing as a candidate	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Last date to appoint an election agent	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Last date to submit your (optional) mayoral booklet address and fee	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Last date to register to vote in the election	Monday 19 April 2021
Last date to apply to vote by post	5pm Tuesday 20 April 2021
Last date to apply to vote by proxy	5pm Tuesday 27 April 2021
Last date to appoint poll and count agents	Wednesday 28 April 2021
Polling day	7am to 10pm Thursday 6 May 2021
Counting of the votes	Saturday 8 May 2021
Last date to return election expenses forms	Monday 14 June 2021 [35 calendar days after the result is declared]

Closer to the election, known prospective candidates will be informed of dates of other key events, such as the date the mayoral booklet, and also postal votes, will hit the doorstep, and the days that postal votes will be opened.

#### Deposits required for standing as a candidate

- £5,000 deposit (may be forfeited)
- £1,500 Mayoral booklet contribution (optional)

To stand as a candidate, a £5,000 deposit is required to be given in cleared funds between the first and last dates for returning your nomination papers. This deposit is forfeited unless you poll more than 5% of the total valid first preference votes cast in the combined authority area.

Each candidate may optionally pay a non-returnable contribution towards the cost of producing a booklet that is sent to every elector within the combined authority area. This allows the candidate to submit a campaign statement (election address) as to why voters should vote for them. The contribution has been set by the Combined Authority Returning Officer (CARO) at £1,500 to reflect the actual production cost of the candidates share of the booklet. Candidates are not required to contribute to the cost of postage.