



Combined Authority Mayoral Election Practice Ballot Paper Easy Read Guide



Understanding this ballot paper



A **ballot paper** is a form that people fill out to show their choice about important things.



This ballot paper is for you to choose who you want to be the next Mayor of your **Combined Authority**.



A **Combined Authority** is when 2 or more different cities or areas work together to make shared decisions about how things are run. A Combined Authority's Mayor leads the areas which have agreed to work together.



The Mayor of a Combined Authority decides lots of things which affect the everyday lives of many local people such as transport, housing, policing and social care.



There is a box below the title. This box tells you how to vote on the ballot paper by marking an **X** next to the person you want to choose. You are allowed to choose 2 people.

	Column A 1st choice	Column B second choice
BASWRA, Paresah 2 The Cottages, Anytown XY8 5JG Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRANLEY, Aileen 4 The Walk, Anytown XY9 5JJ Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDGBASTON, Richard (address in irrelevant area) Common Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GUNNUL-WALKER, Roger 33 The Lane, Anytown XY8 3GD Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Catherine Angelina 21 The Grove, Anytown XY2 5JP Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Keith James 3 The Road, Anytown XY3 4JN Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ZANUCK, George Henry 17 The Parade, Anytown XY9 5KP United Kingdom Independence Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Below this box are the names of the people who want to be the next Mayor of your Combined Authority. Next to their name it shows you what **political party** they agree with.



A political party is a group of ordinary people who join together because they have similar ideas about how they want to help people.

Column A first choice	Column B second choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To make your vote, you must **put an X in the 1st column** to tell us who you most want to be Mayor of your Combined Authority. If you like 2 people, **put an X in the 2nd column** to show us who your second choice is. You **do not** have to choose 2 people.

What happens next



Once you have made your choice, you must fold the ballot paper form up and post it in the ballot box. There will be people to show you where this is if you need help.







All the ballot papers get counted and the person who gets the most votes will become the next Mayor of your Combined Authority.

Below, you can practice filling out a pretend ballot paper.

Election of the Mayor for *(insert name of combined authority)*

Vote once ☒ in column A for your first choice, and
Vote once ☒ in column B for your second choice

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BASWRA, Paresh 2 The Cottages, Anytown XY8 9JG 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRANLEY, Alana 4 The Walk, Anytown XY9 5JJ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDGBASTON, Richard (address in [relevant area]) Common Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GUNNIL-WALKER, Roger 33 The Lane, Anytown XY6 3GD 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Catherine Angelina 21 The Grove, Anytown XY2 5JP Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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