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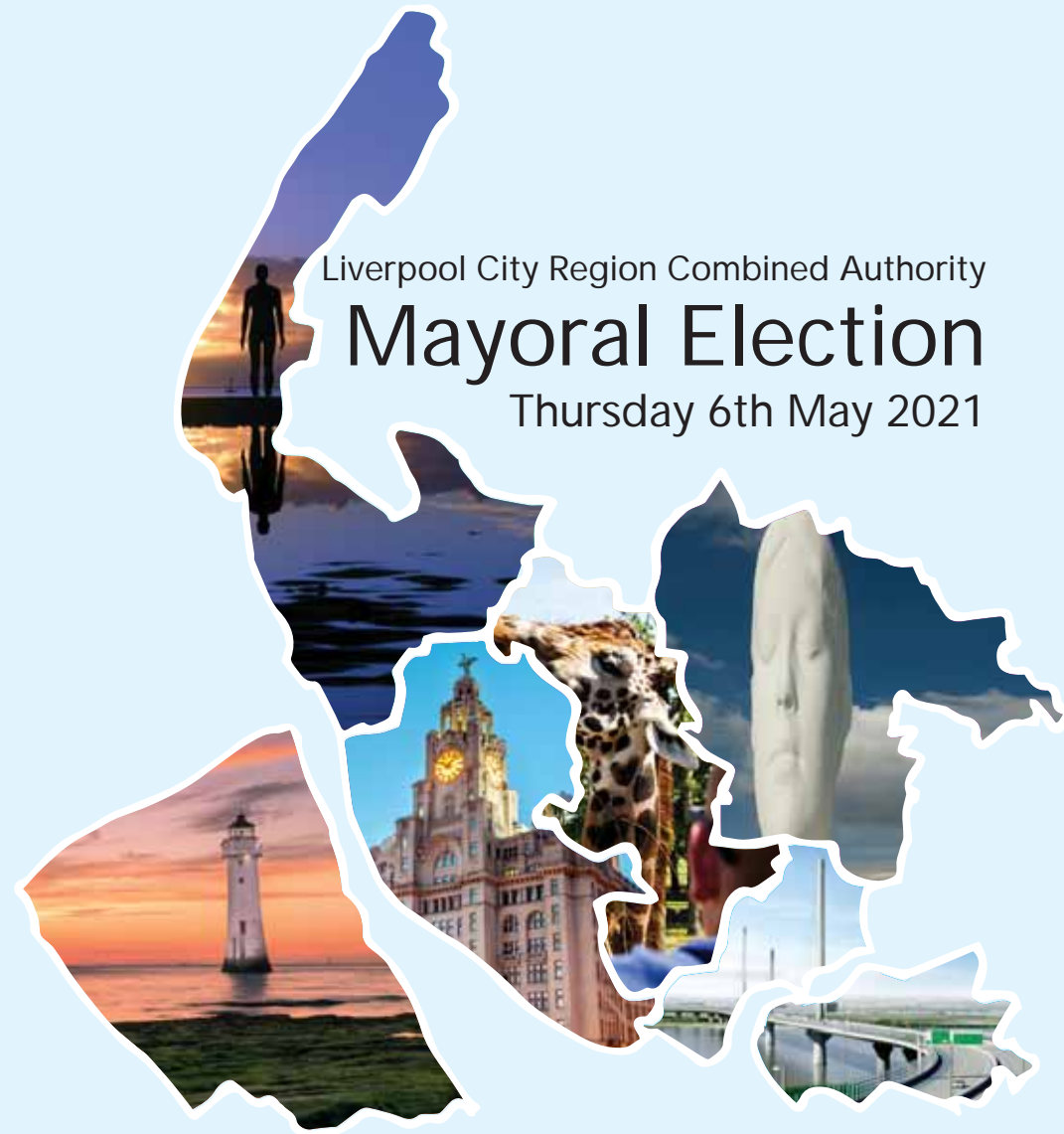
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Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Mayoral Election

Thursday 6th May 2021



**LIVERPOOL
CITY REGION**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Introduction

On **Thursday, 6th May 2021** electors across the Liverpool City Region, comprising the authorities of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St. Helens, Sefton and Wirral will have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor. The City Region Mayor (also known as the Metro Mayor) will have a range of powers including strategic housing and planning, transport and highways, business growth, energy and environment and finance.

This booklet must be sent to you by law. The law also requires that a copy is sent to every individual registered elector rather than one per household.

The booklet includes information about the election and has in it an election address from each of the City Region Mayoral candidates who wish to be included. If you want more information about the candidates then you should contact them directly. You will also find information on how to fill in your ballot paper, how the result is calculated, together with answers to some frequently asked questions.

The booklet also sets out the contact details for each elections office where you live (see back of booklet). Further information can also be found at liverpoolcityregionelects.org

The Mayoral Candidates

There are 4 candidates standing for Mayor of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. All of these candidates requested that an election address from them be published in this booklet. All candidates are listed in alphabetical order below. This is the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

Gary Cargill	- Green Party
Jade Marsden	- The Conservative Party Candidate
David Newman	- Liberal Democrats
Steve Rotheram	- Labour Party

The order in which the addresses of candidates appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Authority Returning Officer.

How to Vote

As there are a number of elections taking place on 6th May, depending on where you live in the Liverpool City Region, you will receive either three or four ballot papers. Electors in Halton, Knowsley, St. Helens, Sefton and Wirral will receive three ballot papers and electors in Liverpool four.

- The **YELLOW** ballot paper is for the Combined Authority Mayoral election. You have two votes (for your first and second choice preference).
- The **GREEN** ballot paper is for the Police and Crime Commissioner election. You have two votes (for your first and second choice preference).
- The **LILAC** ballot paper is for the Liverpool Mayoral election (Liverpool City Council electors only). You have two votes (for your first and second choice preference).

For the above elections your first and second choices/preferences should be different.

- The **WHITE** ballot paper is for the local elections. Vote for no more than the number of candidates stated on the ballot paper.

At this election, you can have two votes on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral ballot paper, one for your first choice candidate and one, if you wish, for your second choice candidate, (see across for further information).

You mark your choices with an 'X'.

If you wish to make a first and second choice vote, make sure you place an 'X' in both columns. **DO NOT** place both 'X' in one column as neither vote will count.



Ballot for
**Election of the Mayor for the
Liverpool City Region Combined
Authority**

Vote once (X) in column A & B

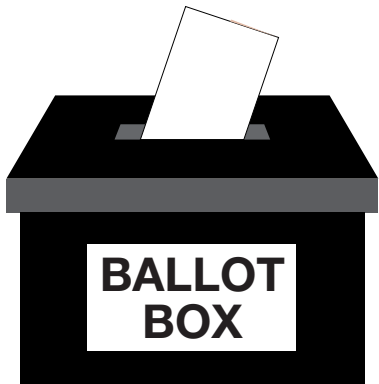
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Candidate D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you vote twice for the same candidate,
your second vote will not be counted.

How The Votes are Counted

At Mayoral Elections, the supplementary voting system is used to count the number of votes cast. This is how it works:

- If one candidate gets more than 50% of the first choice votes, he or she will become the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor.
- If no candidate gets this majority, the two candidates with the most first choice votes will remain in the election and all other candidates are eliminated.
- The second choice votes for the eliminated candidates are then counted. Any votes for the two remaining candidates are added to their first choice totals.
- The candidate who then has the highest overall total of votes cast is declared the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor.



Q & A's The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

What authorities does the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority cover?

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority covers the local authority areas of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St. Helens, Sefton and Wirral.

Why do we need a Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor?

Electing a Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor was part of the Devolution Agreement signed by the Government and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. As well as agreeing to a directly elected Mayor, the Devolution Agreement secured more than £900m of funding for the City Region over the next 30 years, as well as devolving decision making around key priorities to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor has responsibility (decision making and funding control) for a number of priority areas across the Liverpool City Region including: transport, employment and skills, business support, spatial planning, energy and environment and other areas.

The Combined Authority Mayor will also chair the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, which takes control of the £900m of funding over a 30 year period.

Does the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor make decisions over my local Council / the services they provide?

No. Your local council will continue to provide the services needed and used by their local communities. The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor makes decisions that impact on and improve the Liverpool City Region. This includes transport improvements in your area, for example, but the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor is not responsible for Council services such as bin collections or setting Council Tax.

Q & A's – The Voting Process

1. Do I need to wear a face covering when going to my polling station?

Yes, you should wear a face covering when inside a polling station, unless you carry an exemption.

2. Should I bring my own pen or pencil to the polling station?

Yes, if possible you should bring your own pen or pencil to mark your ballot papers. Pencils will still be available at the polling station, if you need them.

3. Will there be other Covid-19 safety measures in place?

Yes, these include additional (and regular) cleaning of the polling station, the use of protective screens between staff and electors, the introduction of social distancing and queuing measures (which may result in electors having to wait outdoors if necessary) and access to hand sanitiser at polling stations for use by electors.

4. Why two votes for one Mayor?

The law states the voting process for Mayoral Elections must be done this way. It allows you to say who would be your second choice for Mayor if your first does not win.

5. How do I mark my vote?

Mark your vote in the usual way, with a single X in each of the columns indicated. You have two votes, for your first and second choice of Liverpool City Region Mayor. This is also the voting process in the Police and Crime Commissioner Election and (if you come under Liverpool City Council) the Liverpool Mayoral Election. For Local Elections please read the information printed on your ballot papers before casting your vote.

6. What happens if I don't make a second choice?

Your first choice vote will still be counted.

7. I don't really like any of the candidates. What happens if I only mark an X in the second choice column?

Your vote will NOT be counted because it is not possible to identify who was your preferred candidate.

8. What if I mark an X in the first choice column for more than one candidate?

Your vote will not be counted because it is not possible to identify which was your preferred candidate. If you wish to use both of your votes, then you must mark an X in column A for your first choice candidate and also in column B for your second choice candidate.

9. What if I put 1 and 2 on the Mayoral ballot paper for my first and second choice?

Your vote may not be counted because it is not clear what you mean. You should mark your votes with an X.

10. I have a question about this election. Who should I contact?

If your question is about how the election is being organised, please contact your local Elections office, (contact details are shown at the end of this booklet). If your question is about the candidates and their election address, you should contact the candidates themselves.

11. When will Polling Stations be open?

Polling Stations will be open from 7am - 10pm. The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card, which will be delivered separately.

12. Why has every voter in the household been sent a booklet? It seems to be a waste of money.

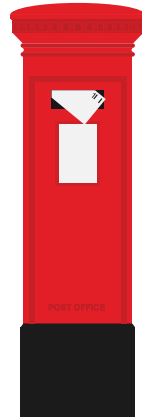
The law says that everyone registered must be sent their own copy so that they get a chance to see the booklet, who is standing for election and what the candidates are saying.

13. I have lost my poll card. Can you send me another one?

You do not need the poll card to vote, so another one won't be sent. The poll card is just to inform you that there is an election and to provide you with other information such as where your polling station is situated. If you are not sure where your polling station is, please contact your local Electoral Services office (contact details are shown at the end of this booklet) and they will assist you.

Postal Voters

If you are a postal voter, please ensure that your completed postal ballot papers are returned as soon as possible. If you have not received your postal ballot paper by **Friday 30th April**, call your own local authority Elections helpline (details at the end of this booklet). It is important that you follow the instructions sent with your postal pack ensuring that you provide your **signature** and enter your **date of birth** on the security statement that you return with your ballot papers. This is to ensure that nobody else uses your vote.



The Candidates

Please note that the content of each of the following pages relating to candidates is the responsibility of the candidate themselves. The views expressed are theirs alone and cannot be attributed to the Combined Authority Returning Officer or any of the Combined Authority City Region councils. The order in which the addresses of the candidates appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Authority Returning Officer.

GARY WILL BE A MAYOR FOR EVERYONE

#GARY4HALTON

Air monitoring is a necessity and as a Green Mayor Gary Cargill will push for an improved City Region-wide monitoring system especially around sources of pollution such as **incinerators** and busy **roads**.

#GARY4KNOWSLEY

Gary Cargill wants to put Knowsley back on the map, and will ensure Knowsley, and the local towns within it, receive their **fair share** of the city region investment and support. **Knowsley deserves better, and better is possible.**

#GARY4LIVERPOOL

Harmful **air pollution** in the City Region causes an estimated 1,000 premature yearly deaths. For cleaner air in Liverpool, Gary Cargill will work for safe, accessible cycle and walking networks, cheaper cleaner Public Transport and support electric vehicle usage.

#GARY4SEFTON

We must protect our Green spaces from development, and particularly road building. **More roads make more traffic, makes more pollution.** Further investment is needed for more renewable energy on the Sefton coast, which has fantastic resources for wind and solar.

#GARY4ST.HELENS

Right across the city region, **our green belt is under threat.** In Haydock, Bold and Newton there are plans to build massive warehouses. As a Green Mayor, Gary would use any available powers to stop local councils from destroying our natural environment.

#GARY4WIRRAL

Having declared a **Climate Emergency**, LCR cannot aim for constant economic growth. Gary Cargill would make the most of regeneration opportunities such as at **Wirral Waters**, to invest in a circular economy and provide **Green jobs** in renewable energy and housing.



A GREEN MAYOR FOR OUR CITY REGION WOULD

- Create new skilled jobs in green energy and technology
- Build a clean, affordable transport system for everyone
- Invest in developing skills and training for young people
- Protect our valued green spaces for future generations
- A 'People's Assembly' to make the Mayor accountable

Promoted by David O'Keefe, 7 Parkside Avenue, St Helen's, WA9 4DT on behalf of Gary Cargill, LCR Greens Office, 7 Parkside Avenue, St Helen's, WA9 4DT

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Gary Cargill	X	MAKE GARY FIRST CHOICE FOR MAYOR



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STEVE ROTHERAM FOR METRO MAYOR NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

My vision:

The Coronavirus pandemic has been a challenge on a scale none of us have seen before. In rebuilding after it, we face a similarly massive task. But I remain ambitious about our region's ability to bounce back and build a fairer, stronger and greener region where no one is left behind.

COVID RECOVERY FUND

£150m fund to help kickstart our region's recovery, investing in every part of our city region.

YOUNG PERSON'S GUARANTEE

A guaranteed job, apprenticeship or training opportunity for all school leavers within 6 months of becoming unemployed.

LONDON-STYLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Greater control over our transport system, with brand new trains, tap-in tap-out ticketing and a cycling revolution.

GREEN NEW DEAL

We will lead the the Green Industrial Revolution, doubling the number of green jobs, harnessing the power of the Mersey and going net zero by 2040.

DIGITALLY CONNECTED REGION

Delivering comprehensive ultrafast broadband infrastructure in every part of our region to make us the most connected place in the country.

RE-ELECT STEVE ROTHERAM



Promoted by Liam Didsbury on behalf of Steve Rotheram both at 108 Laurel Road, Liverpool, L7 0AJ

Promises kept

UK's Fastest growing Economy pre-COVID

Secured £232m in extra funding for transport, skills and tackling homelessness.

Improving public transport

Led the campaign to strip Northern's franchise, opened Merseyrail's first new station for 20 years and took steps to take greater control of the region's buses and rail infrastructure.

Help for Young People

£48m invested in upgrading local school and college facilities and launched the UK's first UCAS-style apprenticeship portal.

Fighting Injustice

Developed an £8m Housing First pilot to tackle homelessness and supported 1,300 families into work through a pioneering Households into Work programme.

£1 Tunnel Fast Tag

Kept my promise to introduce the lowest toll for over 20 years.

As Metro Mayor my number one priority has always been to stand up for everyone, in every part, of our great city region.

Throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, I've stood up for our region, taking on Boris Johnson and the Government to win more funding and support for our councils improved testing and vaccinations and a proper furlough scheme.

We've also invested more than £40m to keep the local economy afloat and put together exciting plans to help the region recover.

In this election we need to send a message to the Government that they need to support areas like ours as we rebuild from coronavirus.

If I'm re-elected, I'll deliver a £150m COVID Recovery Fund, double the number of green jobs in our region and work to build a London-style transport system with more local control.

To do this, I need your backing again. On 6th May, we need to elect a Mayor with a strong record of standing up for our area and winning funding from Government - so that we can ensure Liverpool City Region is a place where no one is left behind.

Steve



@MetroMayorSteve

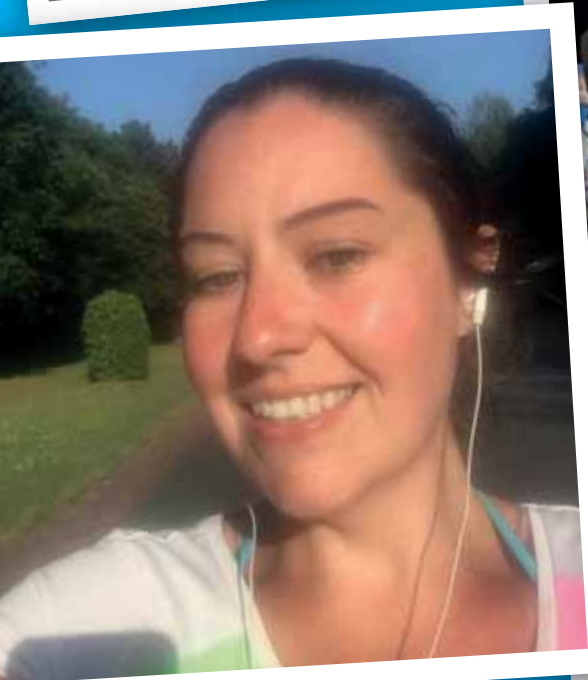


/SteveRotheram





Working hard to campaign for our communities.



Will engage with local businesses and producers to develop a good relationship so I can support them better.



JADE MARSDEN:

A plan to work with the Government to get things done.

- ✓ **Not charging the discretionary mayoral precept** - so more of your money stays in your pocket.
- ✓ **Making sure that every part of our region gets its fair share of spending** - not just central Liverpool.
- ✓ **Lobby government to make the region an urban national park to protect our green spaces**, helping us all keep active and protect coastlines while attracting visitors to our region.
- ✓ **Improving social housing that contain dangerous living conditions** and working to end homelessness for good as we recover from the pandemic.
- ✓ **Working to improve transport connections throughout the City Region** - to make it easier for you to get around our region.
- ✓ **Attracting new investment to help our small businesses and high streets build back better** - and make sure local people have good quality jobs.

Vote Jade Marsden. Vote Conservative.

David Newman STEP FORWARD



Our region's image has been tarnished by the grotesque actions of political bosses in Liverpool.

The next Metro Mayor will be left to repair the damaged reputation caused by a small number of greedy politicians and 'cowboy' developers.

This cannot be allowed to go on.

As your next Mayor I will clean up our politics and always be accountable to you.

I will make sure our region is open and welcoming to ethical investment, not dodgy money schemes.

I will tackle our climate emergency by launching a green recovery plan.

I will make sure nobody is left behind and launch the first UK trial of a universal basic income to ensure nobody is enslaved by poverty.

I will put our region at the heart of the globe, working with our friends in Europe and the wider world.

I believe it's time for our region to step forward. Join me by voting Liberal Democrat on 6th May.



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davidnewman.org.uk

my plan to #STEPFORWARD



POST COVID-19 RECOVERY

- A universal basic income trial
- Re-invent our high streets
- New jobs, skills and training
- Support small businesses and the self-employed

THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



- Create a green recovery plan
- Protect our parks and green spaces from future development
- Invest in clean, renewable energy



TRANSPORT

- Fix our broken bus network
- Quicker, cheaper trains and more accessible stations
- Invest in cycling, walking and other active travel

A GLOBAL REGION



- Establish embassies for our region around Europe
- Work with our football clubs, creative arts and others to showcase our talents to advance tourism and trade

READ MY FULL PLAN
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