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LONDON GOVERNMENT

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

**The Greater London Authority Elections (Amendment) Rules
2022**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>26th October 2022</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>31st October 2022</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		<i>30th November 2022</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 36(2A) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a).

In accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(d) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(b) the Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Greater London Authority Elections (Amendment) Rules 2022 and come into force on 30th November 2022.

(2) These Rules do not apply for the purposes of an election for the return of the Mayor of London in respect of which the date of the poll specified in the notice of election is before the ordinary day of election in 2023(c).

(3) These Rules extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment of the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007

2. The Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007(d) are amended as follows.

Amendment of Schedule 3

3.—(1) Schedule 3 (Mayoral election rules) is amended as follows.

(2) In the table of contents—

- (a) in the entry for rule 55 omit “first”;
- (b) omit the entry for Part 5.

(a) 1983 c. 2. Section 36(2A) was inserted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).
(b) 2000 c. 41. Section 7(2)(d) was amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1).
(c) See section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2) for the meaning of “ordinary day of election”.
(d) S.I. 2007/3541; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2016/24, 2018/1310, 2019/1426.

- (3) In rule 15 (method of election)—
- (a) omit paragraph (a);
 - (b) in paragraph (b) for “only two candidates” substitute “two or more candidates”.
- (4) In rule 49 (verification and the local count), in paragraph (4)—
- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (a) insert “and”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) omit “first preference”;
 - (c) omit sub-paragraph (c) and the “and” immediately before it.
- (5) In rule 50 (rejected ballot papers)—
- (a) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(aa) on which votes are given for more than one candidate,”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for “on which a vote is marked” substitute “on which the vote is marked”;
 - (ii) for “must not” to the end substitute “must not for such reason be void if an intention that the vote is for one only of the candidates clearly appears”;
 - (c) omit paragraph (3);
 - (d) in paragraph (4) for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute “to be void”;
 - (e) for paragraphs (5) and (6) substitute—
 - “(5) If the clerk, having examined the ballot paper, considers that it is void then the CRO must examine it in the manner referred to in paragraph (7).
 - (6) After the CRO examines the ballot paper he must give his decision as to whether or not it is void.”;
 - (f) in paragraph (10) after “ballot” insert “paper”;
 - (g) for paragraph (11) substitute—
 - “(11) If a counting agent objects to the CRO’s decision that the ballot paper is void the CRO must record on the electronic counting system that the decision was objected to.”;
 - (h) omit paragraph (12);
 - (i) in paragraph (13)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b) omit “as to first preference vote”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (d) omit “as to the first preference vote”;
 - (j) omit paragraph (15).
- (6) In rule 53 (procedure at conclusion of local count), in paragraph (1)—
- (a) omit sub-paragraph (c);
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (d) omit “at an election contested by only two candidates,”.
- (7) In rule 54 (attendance at the central calculation), in paragraph (1) for “rules 55 and 56” substitute “rule 55”.
- (8) In rule 55 (the first calculation and resolution of equality)—
- (a) in the heading omit “first”;
 - (b) for paragraph (1) substitute—
 - “(1) As soon as the GLRO has received the information required by rule 53 from every CRO he must ascertain the total number of votes given in the Assembly constituencies to each candidate.”;
 - (c) for paragraph (3) substitute—
 - “(3) In paragraph (2), “the relevant figures” means the number of votes given in each Assembly constituency for each candidate and the total number of votes given for each candidate.”;

- (d) omit paragraph (4);
- (e) for paragraphs (5) and (6) substitute—
 - “(5) Where the total number of votes given for each candidate is unequal the person to be returned as the Mayor is the candidate to whom the majority of the votes is given.
 - (6) Where there is an equality in the total number of votes given for any candidates and the addition of a vote would entitle any of those candidates to be returned as the Mayor, the GLRO must forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.”.
- (9) Omit Part 5 (further provision: more than two candidates).
- (10) In rule 57 (declaration of result)—
 - (a) for paragraph (1) substitute—
 - “(1) The GLRO must declare to be elected as the Mayor of London the candidate who, in accordance with section 4(2) of the 1999 Act (including that provision as applied by section 16(4) at an election to fill a vacancy), is to be returned as the Mayor at that election.”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b) omit “first preference”;
 - (ii) omit sub-paragraph (c);
 - (iii) insert “and” immediately before sub-paragraph (d);
 - (iv) omit sub-paragraph (e) and the “and” immediately before it;
 - (c) in paragraph (4) for “paragraph (2)(b) to (e)” substitute “paragraph (2)(b) and (d)”;
 - (d) in paragraph (5) omit “first preference”.
- (11) In rule 58 (return or forfeiture of candidate’s deposit)—
 - (a) in paragraph (4) omit “first”;
 - (b) in paragraph (5) omit “first” in the first place it occurs and “first preference”.
- (12) In rule 64 (deceased independent candidate wins)—
 - (a) for paragraph (1) substitute—
 - “(1) This rule applies if at an election mentioned in rule 63 the deceased candidate is given a majority of votes in accordance with rule 55(5) or (6).”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) omit “or greatest total number”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “rules 56(2) and 57(2)” substitute “rule 57(2)”.

Amendment of Schedule 4

- 4.—(1) Schedule 4 (manual count rules) is amended as follows.
- (2) In rule 3, in table 1 (modifications)—
 - (a) in the entry for MER rule 49(a) (verification and the local count), in column (2), for the modification of paragraph (4) substitute—
 - “For paragraph (4) substitute—
 - “(4) After completing the proceedings under paragraph (1) or (1A), the CRO must mix together all of the ballot papers used at that election in the Assembly constituency and count the votes given on them.”;
 - (b) in the entry for MER rule 50 (rejected ballot papers), in column (2), for the modification of paragraph (13) substitute—
 - “In paragraph (13) omit sub-paragraph (e) and for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—

(a) For the definition of “MER” see rule 2 of Schedule 4 to S.I. 2007/3541.

- “(d) unmarked or void for uncertainty.””;
- (c) omit the entry relating to MER 55 (the first calculation and resolution of equality) and the insertion of rule 56ZA (the count of second preference votes);
- (d) omit the entry relating to MER 56 (the second calculation and resolution of equality).

Amendment of Schedule 7

- 5.**—(1) Schedule 7 (mayoral election rules) is amended as follows.
- (2) In the table of contents—
 - (a) in the entry for rule 55 omit “first”;
 - (b) omit the entry for Part 5.
 - (3) In rule 15 (method of election)—
 - (a) omit paragraph (a);
 - (b) in paragraph (b) for “only two candidates” substitute “two or more candidates”.
 - (4) In rule 50 (rejected ballot papers)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(aa) on which votes are given for more than one candidate.”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for “on which a vote is marked” substitute “on which the vote is marked”;
 - (ii) for “must not” to the end substitute “must not for such reason be void if an intention that the vote is for one only of the candidates clearly appears”;
 - (c) omit paragraph (3);
 - (d) in paragraph (4) for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute “to be void”;
 - (e) for paragraphs (5) and (6) substitute—
 - “(5) If the clerk, having examined the ballot paper, considers that it is void then the CRO must examine it in the manner referred to in paragraph (7).
 - (6) After the CRO examines the ballot paper he must give his decision as to whether or not it is void.”;
 - (f) in paragraph (10) after “ballot” insert “paper”;
 - (g) for paragraph (11) substitute—
 - “(11) If a counting agent objects to the CRO’s decision that the ballot paper is void the CRO must record on the electronic counting system that the decision was objected to.”;
 - (h) omit paragraph (12);
 - (i) in paragraph (13)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b) omit “as to first preference vote”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (d) omit “as to the first preference vote”;
 - (j) omit paragraph (15).
 - (5) In rule 53 (procedure at conclusion of local count), in paragraph (1)—
 - (a) omit sub-paragraph (c);
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (d) omit “at an election contested by only two candidates.”.
 - (6) In rule 54 (attendance at the central calculation), in paragraph (1) for “rules 55 and 56” substitute “rule 55”.
 - (7) In rule 55 (the first calculation and resolution of equality)—
 - (a) in the heading omit “first”;
 - (b) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) As soon as the GLRO has received the information required by rule 53 from every CRO he must ascertain the total number of votes given in the Assembly constituencies to each candidate.”;

(c) for paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) In paragraph (2), “the relevant figures” means the number of votes given in each Assembly constituency for each candidate and the total number of votes given for each candidate.”;

(d) omit paragraph (4);

(e) for paragraphs (5) and (6) substitute—

“(5) Where the total number of votes given for each candidate is unequal the person to be returned as the Mayor is the candidate to whom the majority of the votes is given.

(6) Where there is an equality in the number of votes given for any candidates and the addition of a vote would entitle any of those candidates to be returned as Mayor, the GLRO must forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.”.

(8) Omit Part 5 (further provision: more than two candidates).

(9) In rule 57 (declaration of result)—

(a) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) The GLRO must declare to be elected as the Mayor of London the candidate who, in accordance with section 4(2) of the 1999 Act (including that provision as applied by section 16(4) at an election to fill a vacancy), is to be returned as the Mayor at that election.”;

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (b) omit “first preference”;

(ii) omit sub-paragraph (c);

(iii) insert “and” immediately before sub-paragraph (d);

(iv) omit sub-paragraph (e) and the “and” immediately before it;

(c) in paragraph (4) for “paragraph (2)(b) to (e)” substitute “paragraph (2)(b) and (d)”;

(d) in paragraph (5) omit “first preference”.

(10) In rule 58 (return or forfeiture of candidate’s deposit)—

(a) in paragraph (4) omit “first”;

(b) in paragraph (5) omit “first” in the first place it occurs and “first preference”.

(11) In rule 64 (deceased independent candidate wins)—

(a) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This rule applies if at an election mentioned in rule 63 the deceased candidate is given a majority of votes in accordance with rule 55(5) or (6).”;

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a) omit “or greatest total number”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (c) for “rules 56(2) and 57(2)” substitute “rule 57(2)”.

Amendment of Schedule 8

6.—(1) Schedule 8 (combined manual count rules) is amended as follows.

(2) In rule 2(2), in table 1 (modifications)—

(a) in the entry for MER rule 49 (verification and the local count), in column (2), for the modification of paragraph (8) substitute—

“For paragraph (8) substitute—

“(8) After completing the proceedings under paragraph (1) and (2), the CRO must mix together all of the ballot papers used at the election in the Assembly constituency and count the votes given on them.”;

- (b) in the entry for MER rule 50 (rejected ballot papers), in column (2), for the modification of paragraph (13) substitute—

“In paragraph (13) omit sub-paragraph (e) and for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—

“(d) unmarked or void for uncertainty.”;

- (c) omit the entry for MER rule 55 (the first calculation and resolution of equality) and the insertion of rule 56ZA (the count of second preference votes);
- (d) omit the entry for MER rule 56 (the second calculation and resolution of equality).

Amendment of Schedule 10

7.—(1) Schedule 10 (Schedule of forms) is amended as follows.

(2) For Forms 7, 11, 11A and 11B substitute Forms 7, 11, 11A and 11B respectively, set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

(3) For notice AA in Form 16 substitute notice AA in Form 16 set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

(4) For notice AA1 in Form 17 substitute notice AA1 in Form 17 set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Andrew Stephenson

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State






Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

26th October 2022

**Form 7 – Ballot paper for mayoral elections and directions as to
printing the ballot paper**

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

<p>BASWRA, Paresh 2 The Cottages, Anytown XY8 9JG Liberal Democrats</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>CRANLEY, Alana 4 The Walk, Anytown XY9 5JJ Green Party</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>EDGBASTON, Richard (address in <i>[relevant area]</i>) Common Good</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>GUNNIL-WALKER, Roger 33 The Lane, Anytown XY6 3GD Labour Party</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>SMITH, Catherine Angelina 21 The Grove, Anytown XY2 5JP Independent</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>SMITH, Keith James 3 The Road, Anytown XY3 4JN Conservative Party</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>ZANUCK, George Henry 17 The Parade Anytown XY9 5KP United Kingdom Independence Party</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Number

Other unique identifying mark

Election for *[insert description of election]*

on..... 20....

Directions as to Printing the Ballot Paper

1. Nothing is to be printed on the ballot paper except in accordance with these directions.
2. So far as is practicable, the arrangements set out in paragraphs 3 to 18 must be observed in the printing of the ballot paper.
3. No word may be printed on the face except:
 - (a) the heading "Election of the Mayor of London";
 - (b) the direction "Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice";
 - (c) the particulars of the candidates; and
 - (d) words forming part of the emblems mentioned at paragraph 10 below.
4. A box must be printed around the direction referred to in paragraph 3(b).
5. No rule may be printed on the face except:
 - (a) as part of the box referred to in paragraph 4;
 - (b) a horizontal rule above the particulars of the first candidate;
 - (c) the horizontal rules separating the particulars of the candidates from one another;
 - (d) a horizontal rule below the particulars of the last candidate; and
 - (e) as part of the boxes on the right-hand side of the ballot paper where the vote is to be marked.
6. The horizontal rules referred to in paragraph 5(b), (c) and (d) must be equally spaced and the space between each of them must be a minimum of 2.5 centimetres.
7. Each of the horizontal rules referred to in paragraph 5(b) and (c) must extend from a point at least in line with the text on the left-hand side of the page to a point directly above the centre of the box below that rule.
8. The horizontal rule referred to in paragraph 5(d) must:
 - (a) extend from a point at least in line with the text on the left-hand side of the page to a point directly below the right-hand edge of the box above that rule; and

- (b) be thicker than the other horizontal rules.
9. The boxes referred to in paragraph 5(e) must not touch any horizontal rule and each one must be equidistant between the horizontal rule above it and the horizontal rule below it.
 10. Where a registered emblem is to be printed against a candidate's particulars:
 - (a) it must be printed adjacent to and to the right of the particulars;
and
 - (b) its size as printed must not exceed 2 centimetres square.
 11. The heading "Election of the Mayor of London" must be printed in very large bold type. All other words must appear in type that is smaller than the heading.
 12. The words "only one candidate" in the directions referred to in paragraph 3(b) must be printed in bold type.
 13. The candidates' names and descriptions, if any, must appear in bold type.
 14. The surname of each candidate must appear in capitals with their other names in lower case with initial capitals.
 15. The description of the candidates must appear in lower case with initial capitals.
 16. The number and other unique identifying mark must be printed close to each other on the back of the ballot paper.
 17. The words "DO NOT FOLD" may be printed on the reverse of the ballot paper to be used at polling station.
 18. Blank spaces may be left on the ballot paper at the bottom and/or around the sides where this is necessary for the purposes of electronic counting.

Form 11 – Postal voting statement (ordinary elections or constituency or mayoral by-election)

Postal voting statement	<i>[Space for barcode]</i>
Greater London Authority Elections	
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>	
<p>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper(s) for [them] [it] to be counted.</p> <p>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.</p> <p>* Name _____ Ballot paper number(s) _____</p> <p>* <i>Constituency Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</i></p> <p>(!) Check that the number(s) on the back of your ballot paper(s) match(es) the number(s) shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on <i>[insert helpline number]</i>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>I am the person the ballot paper(s) numbered above [was] [were] sent to.</p> <p>My Date of Birth is: <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day Month Year</p> <p>* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box)</p> <p>* <i>Constituency Returning Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 60px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> <p>We will check this information against our records for security.</p> </div> <p>It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same election (unless you are appointed as a proxy).</p> <p><i>Constituency Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.</i></p>	

Instructions for voting by post

Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on *[insert helpline number]*

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper(s) (listed below).
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** **[and signature]* **box[es]** on this postal voting statement.

** Constituency Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*

*** London Assembly constituency members election** (*[specify colour]* ballot paper)

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

*** London Assembly London members election** (*[specify colour]* ballot paper)

- Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

*** London Mayoral election** (*[specify colour]* ballot paper)

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

** Constituency Returning Officer to amend as appropriate.*

(!) Do not mark the ballot papers in any other way or your votes may not count.

(!) We must get your postal vote by **10pm on [day] [date of poll]**. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the constituency before **10pm on [day] [date of poll]**.

(!) After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in [this] [these] election(s).

Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake or lose your postal ballot paper or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on [day] [date] [month]**. If you apply after **5pm on [day before poll]** we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack in person.

Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same election unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.

The Constituency Returning Officer issued this statement.

Constituency Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.

Form 11A – Postal voting statement: for use at a combined election where issue and receipt of postal ballot papers are taken together

Postal voting statement	<i>[Space for barcode]</i>																	
<p>Greater London Authority Elections <i>[Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to insert title(s) of other election(s) and referendums as appropriate]</i></p>																		
<p>Date of election(s) [and referendum(s)] [day] [date] [month] [year]</p>																		
<p>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot papers for them to be counted. Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.</p>																		
<p>* Name _____ Ballot paper numbers _____</p>																		
<p>* <i>Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</i></p>																		
<p>(!) Check that the numbers on the backs of your ballot papers match the numbers shown above. If they do not match, call us immediately on <i>[insert helpline number]</i>.</p>																		
<p>I am the person the ballot papers numbered above were sent to.</p> <p>My Date of Birth is:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px;"> </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Day</td> <td></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Month</td> <td></td> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Year</td> </tr> </table> <p>* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box)</p> <p>* <i>Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 60px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"></div> <p>We will check this information against our records for security.</p>										Day			Month			Year		
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<p>It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter’s ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same election [or referendum] (unless you are appointed as a proxy).</p> <p><i>Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.</i></p>																		

Instructions for voting by post

Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on *[insert helpline number]*

- For your votes to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with **all** your ballot papers (listed below).
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** **[and signature]* **box[es]** on this postal voting statement.
**Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*

***UK Parliamentary election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]

***[Local government election]/[Parish/Town council election] (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]
- [Vote for **no more than ___ candidates** by putting a cross in the box next to **each** of your choices.]

***London Assembly constituency members election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]

***London Assembly London members election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]

***London Mayoral election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]

***Election of the Mayor for *[insert name of authority]* (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]

****[Specify other]* election/referendum (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- *[Specify voting instructions in accordance with the legislation governing the election or referendum]*

** Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to add/amend as appropriate.*

(!) Do not mark the ballot papers in any other way or your votes may not count.

(!) We must get your postal vote by **10pm on *[day]* *[date of poll]***. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the *[constituency]* *[electoral division]* *[voting area]* *[ward]* area before **10pm on *[day]* *[date of poll]***.

(!) After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in *[this]* *[these]* election(s) *[and referendum(s)]*.

Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake, or lose your postal ballot papers or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on *[day]* *[date]* *[month]***. If you apply after **5pm on *[day before poll]*** we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack in person.

Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same election [or referendum] unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.

The *[Returning / Counting]* Officer issued this statement.

Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.

Form 11B – Postal voting statement: for use at a combined election where issue and receipt of postal ballot papers are not taken together

Postal voting statement	<i>[Space for barcode]</i>
Greater London Authority Elections	
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>	
<p>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper(s) for [them] [it] to be counted.</p> <p>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.</p> <p>* Name _____ Ballot paper number(s) _____</p> <p>* <i>Constituency Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</i></p> <p>(!) Check that the number(s) on the back of your ballot paper(s) match(es) the number(s) shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on <i>[insert helpline number]</i>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>I am the person the ballot paper(s) numbered above [was] [were] sent to.</p> <p>My Date of Birth is: <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day Month Year</p> <p>* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box)</p> <p>* <i>Constituency Returning Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 80px; margin-left: 100px;"></div> <p>We will check this information against our records for security.</p> </div> <p>It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter’s ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same election (unless you are appointed as a proxy).</p> <p><i>Constituency Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.</i></p>	

Instructions for voting by post

Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on [insert helpline number]

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper(s) (listed below).
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** ***[and signature] box[es]** on this postal voting statement.

** Constituency Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*

Elections to the Greater London Authority

*** London Assembly constituency members election** ([specify colour] ballot paper)

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

*** London Assembly London members election** ([specify colour] ballot paper)

- Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

*** London Mayoral election** ([specify colour] ballot paper)

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

** Constituency Returning Officer to amend as appropriate.*

(!) Do not mark the ballot papers in any other way or your votes may not count.

(!) We must get your postal vote by **10pm on [day] [date of poll]**. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the constituency before **10pm on [day] [date of poll]**.

(!) After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in [this] [these] election(s).

Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on [insert helpline number]. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake or lose your postal ballot paper or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on [day] [date] [month]**. If you apply after **5pm on [day before poll]** we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack in person.

Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same election unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.

The Constituency Returning Officer issued this statement.

Constituency Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.

Form 16 – Notices for the guidance of voters at by-elections and ordinary elections (or for filling of a vacancy in an Assembly constituency or filling of a vacancy in the office of Mayor)

Notice AA – notice for guidance of voters for display inside polling stations and inside polling booths

***ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF LONDON**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

***ELECTION OF THE LONDON ASSEMBLY – CONSTITUENCY MEMBER**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

***ELECTION OF THE LONDON ASSEMBLY– LONDON MEMBER**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

**Constituency Returning Officer to amend as appropriate*

PUT NO OTHER MARK ON THE BALLOT PAPER(S)* OR YOUR VOTE(S)* MAY NOT COUNT

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THE BALLOT PAPER(S)
Place [it] [them], unfolded, face downwards in the ballot box.

PLEASE FOLD THE BALLOT PAPER(S)

**Complete or omit as necessary*

**Form 17 – Notices for guidance of voters at Authority elections
combined with another election or referendum**

**Notice AA1 – notice for guidance of voters for display inside polling stations and
inside polling booths**

***PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to
your choice.

***[Specify name of council] COUNCIL ELECTION**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

*[Vote for **no more than ... candidates** by putting a cross in the box
next to EACH of your choices.]

*[Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your
choice.]

***ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF LONDON**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to
your choice.

***ELECTION OF THE LONDON ASSEMBLY –
CONSTITUENCY MEMBER**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your
choice.

***ELECTION OF THE LONDON ASSEMBLY– LONDON
MEMBER**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

***[Specify other] ELECTION / REFERENDUM**

([specify colour] ballot paper)

*[Specify voting instructions in accordance with the legislation governing
the election or referendum]

*Relevant Returning or Counting Officer to amend as appropriate

PUT NO OTHER MARK ON THE BALLOT PAPER(S)* OR YOUR
VOTE(S)* MAY NOT COUNT

*[PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THE BALLOT PAPERS FOR *[specify the
election(s) at which the votes are to be counted electronically]*.
Place [it] [them], unfolded, face downwards, in the [*appropriate]
ballot box.]

*[PLEASE FOLD THE BALLOT PAPER(S) FOR
*[specify the election(s) at which the votes are to be counted
manually]*].

**Complete or omit as necessary*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

The Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007, S.I. 2007/3541, (“the 2007 Rules”) make provision for the conduct of elections to the Greater London Authority (elections for the return of the Mayor of London and of constituency and London members of the London Assembly).

Section 13 of the Elections Act 2022 changes the voting system at elections for the Mayor of London in England from the supplementary vote system to the simple majority vote system, also known as “first past the post”. As a consequence of the amendments made by that section to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 the secondary legislation setting out the rules for the conduct of elections for the Mayor of London require amending. These Rules amend the 2007 Rules to replace provisions relating to the supplementary vote system for the election of the Mayor of London with provisions which provide for simple majority voting for those elections.

An impact assessment has been produced for the Elections Act 2022 including an Addendum on the “first past the post” provision. No, or no significant, impact on business, charities or the public or voluntary sector is foreseen. Copies can be obtained at <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3020/publications> or from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.

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