

SCHEDULE 1

The Combined Authority Mayoral Elections Rules

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Instructions for voting by post

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

1. For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper.
2. Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth **[and signature]* box[es]** on this postal voting statement.
** Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*
3. #**[Vote for only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]
#**[Vote by putting a cross in the box**
In column A next to your first choice candidate
In column B next to your second choice candidate
Your first and second choices should be different.]
Returning Officer to amend when there are only two candidates for the office of Mayor
4. Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
5. 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 local authority area before **10pm on *[day] [date of poll]***.
6. After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.

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 by hand.

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

The Returning Officer issued this statement.

Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.