

SCHEDULE 1

The Combined Authority Mayoral Elections Rules

PART 9

Appendix of forms

Form 9 – Official postal poll card

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Postal poll card
Election of Mayor for <i>[insert name of combined authority]</i>
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>

Voting information
We will send your postal vote around <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i> <i>*[addressed to:]</i>
<i>*[Electors name and address]</i>

Please turn over

Your details:

** [Elector's name and qualifying address details here]*

**Returning Officer to omit in both places where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

Number on register:

Your postal vote

- You will receive a postal vote for this election because you asked to vote by post.
- You will not be able to vote in a polling station.
- **If you have not received your postal vote by *[day] [date] [month]* call *[insert helpline number]*.**

Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 No. 67

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How to vote

1. When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
2. Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a postal voting statement.
3. Complete both of these and return them immediately.
4. We need to receive your postal vote by **10pm on [day/date of poll]**.

📞 If you need information in another format, please call our helpline below.

📞 If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling our helpline:

[insert helpline and other details including website]

If you lose your postal vote or make a mistake

- Please phone the helpline immediately.
- We can only issue a replacement postal vote before 5pm on **[day/date of deadline]**.

If you would rather vote in person, or ask someone else to vote on your behalf, you must cancel your postal vote **before 5pm on [day/date of deadline]**. For more information, please call the helpline.

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
- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this election for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

The Returning Officer issued this card.

If undelivered, return to:

[insert return address]