

Council of the Borough of North Tyneside

Mayoral Election Address Book

Your guide to
the candidates

4 May 2017



North Tyneside Council

Introduction

On 4 May 2017, you, the residents and voters of North Tyneside will be able to vote in the election to choose the Mayor of North Tyneside.

About this booklet

This booklet must be sent to you by law*. It includes:

- Information about the election,
- An election address (i.e. a statement) from each of the Mayoral candidates who wish to be included in this booklet,
- Information on how to fill in your ballot paper and how the result is calculated,
- Frequently asked questions.

Your vote will help decide the future Mayor of North Tyneside.

Vivienne Geary
Returning Officer

*One booklet must be distributed to each registered elector. This booklet has been produced in accordance with The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

Voting at the Mayoral Election

The candidates at the Election are as follows:-

John Christopher Appleby

Liberal Democrats

Stewart Thomas Hay

The Conservative Party Candidate

Stuart William Houghton

UK Independence Party (UKIP)

Norma Redfearn

Labour Party

How do I vote?

In the election for the Mayor you have two votes – one for a first choice and one for a second choice. You will be given a ballot paper like this:

Election of Mayor

Vote ONCE (X) in Column 1 for your First Choice
Vote ONCE (X) in Column 2 for your Second Choice

	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
Candidate 1 Address Party	X	
Candidate 2 Address Party		
Candidate 3 Address Party		X
Candidate 4		

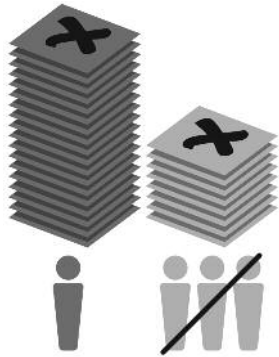
Mark an X in column 1 next to the name of the person who is your first choice for Mayor of North Tyneside. If you do not vote in this column, your ballot paper may not be counted.

Do not mark more than one X in each column – your votes may not be counted if you do.

Mark an X in column 2 next to the name of the person who would be your second choice for Mayor of North Tyneside. If you do not vote in this column, your first choice vote will still be counted. If you vote twice for the same candidate, your second vote will not be counted.

Who is elected?

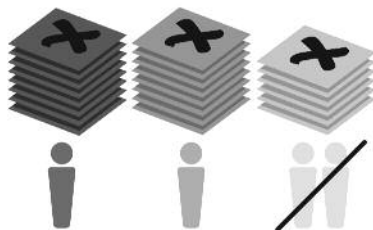
All the first choice votes are counted, and if one candidate has received **more than 50%** of the votes they will be elected Mayor of North Tyneside.



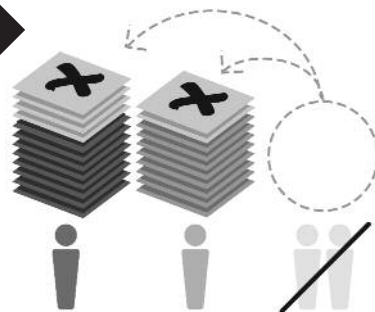
Mayor of North Tyneside



If no candidate has more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates with the most first choice votes will remain in the election and **all other candidates are eliminated.**



The ballot papers for the **eliminated candidates** are then checked. Any second choice votes for the two remaining candidates are added to their first round totals. The candidate with the most votes wins.



Mayoral Election Frequently asked questions

Why are there two votes for one Mayor?

The law states the voting process for the Mayoral election must be done this way. It also allows you to say who would be your second choice for Mayor if your first choice is not in the top two after the first round of counting, and if there is not an outright majority winner at that stage.

How do I mark my vote?

Vote ONCE (X) in column 1 for your first choice.
Vote ONCE (X) in column 2 for your second choice.

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

Your first choice vote will still be counted.

What happens if I only mark an X in the second choice column?

Your vote will not be counted because no-one will know who your favourite candidate was.

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

Your vote will not be counted. If you wish to vote for two candidates then you must mark an X in column 1 for your first choice candidate and also an X in column 2 for your second choice candidate.

I have an enquiry about this election, who do I contact?

If it is about how the election is being organised, please contact Electoral Services (contact details are shown on the back of this booklet). If it is about the voting system, you should contact your local MP.

I have forgotten to post my postal vote. Can I take it along to the polling station?

Yes, you can hand it into a polling station in the electoral area between 7am and 10pm on election day.

Mayoral Election - 4 May 2017



Key dates

13 April

Deadline to register to vote in the Mayoral Election.

18 April

Postal vote packs start to be delivered. If you haven't received your pack by 27 April please email **elections@northtyneside.gov.uk** or call **0191 643 2270**. We must receive your completed postal vote by 10pm on 4 May for it to be counted.

Last day to submit a **new application** for a postal vote - 5pm.

Last day for **changes to an existing absent vote** (postal or proxy) - 5pm.

25 April

Last day to submit an application to vote by proxy. If you are a registered voter and you wish to apply for a new application to vote by proxy (someone to vote on your behalf) you must do this by 5pm on 25 April.

4 May

Polling day

Polling stations are open between **7am and 10pm** for you to vote in person at your local polling station.

The Candidates

The following pages contain the candidates' addresses for those who wish to be included in this booklet. The content is the responsibility of the candidate themselves. The views expressed are theirs alone, and cannot be attributed to the Returning Officer, or North Tyneside Council. The order in which the addresses appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer.



STUART HOUGHTON

Your UKIP party candidate

Stuart Houghton is passionate about North Tyneside, and was born and raised in the borough.

Stuart graduated from Northumbria University with a BA (Hons) degree and from Leeds University with a Masters Degree.

He teaches psychology and has also lectured at degree level.

Stuart lives in Monkseaton with his wife Susan.

We have had a "Listening Mayor", now it's time for an "Action Mayor" who puts residents before politics.

Stuart Houghton, your A.C.E. choice for Mayor.



A.C.E:- Accountable -

To residents and council. I will seek to change the structure of the current council format.

Committed:-

No hidden political agenda. We have no party whip to dictate policy, which works for all in the best interests of residents of the borough.

Efficient -

Cost cutter of executive pay and savings on project overspending.

An immediate review of pay and expenses of local government officials including the elected Mayor, Chief Executive, and Councillors.

I will hold ward surgeries (The Mayor's forum) which will be clearly publicised before hand. These will take place throughout the borough as I want people to have an easy way of contacting me.

I will work with all parties and council representatives and listen to their ideas. I will accept ideas that are both value for money and good for residents, irrespective of which party the ideas come from.

As your elected Mayor Stuart will:-

Promote an education policy, to create meaningful skills training to a certification level recognised by industry.

Have a consultant led North Tyneside A&E open 24hrs, and a Battle Hill walk-in centre.

Push for business rates incentives for new & small traders.

Review parking charges, which drives trade away from local businesses.

Create a Skills Centre in partnership with local colleges, providing the qualified young people that local & regional industry needs. Seek to establish sponsorship opportunities.

Create a register of Brownfield sites in the borough, and create a register of unoccupied social housing & produce a plan to bring them back into use.

Support the Common Infrastructure Levy, raising up to £200m for projects, but NOT to make up for central government reductions.

As the instrumental party in bringing about the E.U. referendum, I intend to take full advantage of our leaving the E.U. and boost to the Fishing Industry it offers. I shall support the Fishing Industry, and look at the possibility of boat building & repairs on the Tyne.

I will introduce a website hub link facility where concerns from residents can be raised directly to the Mayor. These can be forwarded to the relevant



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council department. Residents will be able to access this hub in proposed sites: Whitley Bay, North Shields, Tynemouth, Forest Hall and Wallsend as well as access via the internet at home. This will enable residents to have a fast and simple way to seek help and advice for services they may require. All councillors will be visible through this system.

I will be open and transparent on all expenditure during my duties as Mayor and will publish all supporting documentation to that effect.



Dr JOHN APPLEBY – LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

First Choice for Mayor 2017

Does the Mayor work for us?

In North Tyneside, the Mayor holds too much power and can choose the entire Cabinet. – but the ruling party also controls all the important committees! **LibDems** in Newcastle let the opposition take the chair to ensure full scrutiny – we had nothing to hide!



What would John do as Mayor?

If elected, I will

- involve many more people in decision-making and action, both councillors and residents;
- include in the Cabinet the best talents of the council regardless of their party;
- arrange for a dedicated team of councillors and council workers in each ward;
- give a budget to each ward to sort out local problems;

What sort of area do we want our children to grow up in? I want to see a successful council serving the tolerant, open-hearted and ambitious people of North Tyneside. We're ready for the challenges of the next few years and we need to work together to create the bright future our children and grandchildren deserve.

We need a partnership approach

- Residents would ensure the key issues in each area were well known. Their views would feed into major decisions on regeneration, housing and education. Proper consultation, not just window dressing like the area forums.
- A genuine partnership between Mayor, officers, ward councillors and residents would increase accountability and value for money.
- **Lib Dem** councillors work harder than others to deal with your concerns, and to secure new jobs and development along the Tyne, but much more can be done. We need to

exploit our position as a gateway to Europe and encourage inward investment and trade.

Wider and longer-term issues?

- **LibDems** support a North-East Authority to secure investment and control for our own region
- **LibDems** in government protected the poor and pensioners, promoted apprenticeships and green issues – see what a Tory government does on its own!
- **LibDems** say that the British people, not Theresa May, should make the final decision on the best deal with Europe
- **LibDems** say that Green investment offers the best way forward for the economy and the environment

Who is John Appleby?

- Lives in Whitley Bay, and in Battle Hill before that
- Head of Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle University
- Manages people, finance, strategy, public relations
- Former union branch-president
- Former local councillor, charity trustee
- Likes folk music, Church, reading and hill-walking

Council Experience

- City Councillor in Newcastle
- Represented an area experiencing high levels of deprivation
- Promoted the environment, youth-work, community involvement, car-clubs



John Appleby
EXPERIENCE, IDEAS,
INVOLVEMENT!

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STEWART HAY

Your Conservative Candidate for Mayor

Local man Stewart Hay is your Conservative candidate for Mayor on Thursday 4th May. A retired police officer from Northumbria Police with over thirty years exemplary service, he has since qualified and worked as a Solicitor and Company Director in our area. This combination of skills, knowledge and experience gives him the necessary acumen and decisive edge to lead the Council forward completing unfinished business and seeking new bold projects. Born in Willington Quay, his maternal grandparents were from Howdon. He was raised in Monkseaton and played for local rugby and cricket teams. Stew attended Monkseaton Grammar School and is a graduate of Northumbria University. He tells us why he is ambitious for North Tyneside...

"North Tyneside deserves a Mayor who will stand for change across the borough.



The Local Plan to build thousands of houses on green spaces between Murton, Shiremoor and West Monkseaton as well as on Killingworth Moor is a travesty - a betrayal of so many residents who might want to see limited developments, but not at the cost of losing our green spaces forever. If elected on May 4th I will do everything I can to see that government blocks this Plan and saves our green spaces.

As your elected Mayor I pledge to work for you and build a borough that works for everyone.

I'm ambitious for North Tyneside and I truly believe our best years are ahead. Let's regenerate our coastline, protect our precious green spaces and renew our roads and pavements.

Vote HAY on 4th May.

At a time of huge change in Britain's place in the world, we need a Mayor who can work constructively with the government to deliver the best deal for North Tyneside after Brexit. Stewart Hay is the only candidate who can work closely with the government to deliver his Action Plan for North Tyneside:

- ✓ Increased spending on pavement and pothole repairs.
- ✓ Regenerate our town centres from Whitley Bay to Wallsend, North Shields to Forest Hall.
- ✓ Prioritise building on brown field sites and call in Labour's Local Plan.
- ✓ Expand the Armed Forces Covenant by restoring the free use of Council leisure facilities for those who have served their country.
- ✓ Lead by example and take HALF salary for his first year, donating the rest to restore Tynemouth's Lido Pool.



 Vote Conservative

Norma Redfearn

Your Labour Party candidate

When you elected me in 2013 I promised to be a listening Mayor. I pledged to listen to local people and to local communities and to improve the way the council delivers your services.

You told me your priorities and I've been working hard to deliver them. When I've been out and about talking to local residents and businesses there's a real excitement about the changes we're seeing across our borough and a growing confidence about our future.

I've made the council more business friendly and today there are thousands more jobs and apprenticeships across our borough.

As a former Headteacher I am passionate about education and I am proud that today our schools are amongst the best in the country.



You told me to get on with the job of regenerating local communities.

Regeneration is happening at the Coast and in Wallsend, making our area a better place to live and visit.

We've got costed plans to make sure all our town centres are the vibrant heart of our local communities.

I know many young people and families are struggling to get on the housing ladder. We've built more affordable homes and more are planned.

"I want to build a North Tyneside that our children and grandchildren are proud to call home"

We've rebuilt or refurbished all of our sheltered homes for older people, brought back wardens and made North Tyneside a borough that respects the contribution older people make to local communities.

It hasn't always been easy. We inherited Tory debts and we're enduring Tory cuts. But we're reforming the way services are being delivered and at the same time protecting the most vulnerable in our community.

We've saved local libraries, leisure centres and weekly bin collections and cleaned up local parks and beaches. There's been record investment in our roads and pavements with more to come.

The Council has not achieved this alone. Under my leadership our successes have been achieved through partnerships with local communities, local businesses and the voluntary sector across the borough.

I set out to be a Mayor for everyone. I've left behind the politics of negativity and division and I refuse to play party politics with the future of our borough. By working together we can achieve more than we can alone.

I want to build a North Tyneside that our children and grandchildren are proud to call home.

With your support we can get on and finish the job.

Best wishes

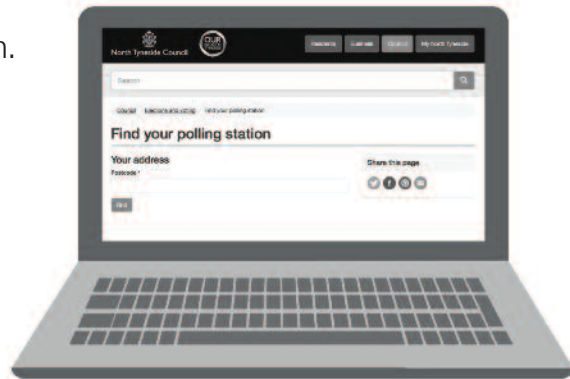
Norma Redfearn



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Polling stations will be open between 7am and 10pm.

Please check the location of your polling station as shown on your poll card. You can also use the *Find my Polling Station* function on the election page at www.northtyneside.gov.uk to locate your polling station.



Postal Voters

If you are a postal voter you should follow the instructions in your postal pack, ensuring that you provide your signature and enter your date of birth on the postal voting statement that must be returned with your ballot paper. Please ensure that your completed postal ballot paper is returned as soon as possible. You can also deliver your completed ballot paper and postal voting statement sealed in the return envelope provided (envelope B), in person to your nearest polling station on polling day. Postal votes must be delivered before 10pm on 4 May 2017.

Need more help?

Election helpline: **0191 643 2270**

Email: **elections@northtyneside.gov.uk**

If you would like this information in an alternative format please contact us on **0191 643 2270**.

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