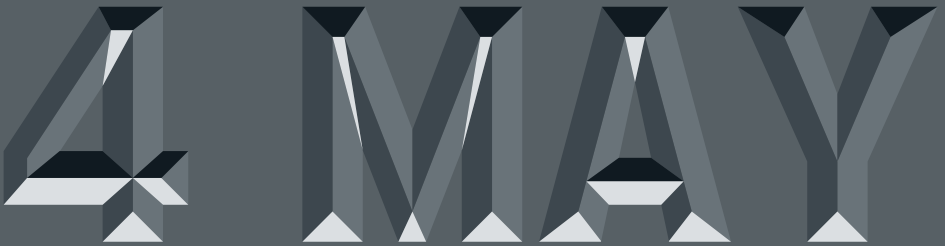


**GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY
MAYORAL ELECTION**



**Candidate information
and how to vote**

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Introduction

On Thursday 4 May 2017, the voters of Greater Manchester will elect a Mayor for the first time.

People who are registered to vote in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan are able to vote in this election.

The Combined Authority Returning Officer is required by law to send a copy of this candidate information booklet to every registered voter in Greater Manchester. The booklet contains:

- a list of every candidate standing in the election in alphabetical order
- information about the Mayor of Greater Manchester and how the Mayor will be elected
- information on how to complete your ballot paper, how you can vote and what to expect at your polling station
- an Election Address from each of the candidates who have opted to be included in this booklet.

You can also find out more at gmelects.org.uk

Eight candidates are standing for election for the Mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

They will be listed alphabetically on the ballot paper:

ANSTEE, Sean Brian
The Conservative Party Candidate

ASLAM, Mohammad *
Independent

BROPHY, Jane Elisabeth
Liberal Democrats

BURNHAM, Andy
Labour and Co-operative Party

FARMER, Marcus Jonathan *
Independent

MORRIS, Stephen
English Democrats - "Putting England First!"

ODZE, Shneur Zalman *
UK Independence Party (UKIP)

PATTERSON, Will
The Green Party

*Did not submit an Election Address

Every candidate was given the opportunity to provide an Election Address to be included in this booklet and candidates who have done so were required to pay £5,000 each towards the booklet's production costs.

The content of each Election Address included in this booklet has been provided by the candidate. The views expressed are theirs alone.

Lots were drawn to decide the order in which the Election Addresses appear in the booklet.

This candidate information booklet has been published by Eamonn Boylan, the Combined Authority Returning Officer for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

The Mayor of Greater Manchester

What will the Mayor of Greater Manchester do?

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) was established in 2011 and is made up of the ten Greater Manchester councils. Since June 2015, there has been an Interim Mayor, who has acted as the GMCA's eleventh member and Chair. From 8 May 2017, the Interim Mayor will be replaced by the directly elected Mayor of Greater Manchester. The ten leaders (the elected Mayor in Salford) are members of the GMCA and will form the Mayor's cabinet whilst continuing to lead their own councils.

The Mayor will have various powers and responsibilities, including the fire service, transport, planning and housing and also those previously held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Decision Making

The Mayor will be able to make some decisions independently. Some of the Mayor's decisions will require consultation with and the approval of the GMCA. Certain decisions will be made by the GMCA and Mayor together.

Decisions will be subject to scrutiny by one or more overview and scrutiny committees made up of members of the ten Greater Manchester councils. A Police and Crime Panel will scrutinise those decisions of the Mayor which relate to Police and Crime Commissioner powers.

How is the Mayor elected?

The Mayor is elected using the Supplementary Voting system. This means that voters have the opportunity to choose their first and second choice candidate. This is different to the First Past the Post system used in local and parliamentary elections.

If one candidate gets more than half of the first choice votes, then they will be elected as the Mayor of Greater Manchester. If no candidate gets more than half of the first choice votes, then the two candidates with the most first choice votes go into a second round. All other candidates are eliminated. Any second choice votes from the eliminated candidates, which have been cast for the top two candidates remaining in the contest, will then be counted and added to their first choice totals. The candidate who has the highest overall total will be declared the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

Completing your ballot paper

Please take time to read the instructions below which provide more information on how to complete your ballot paper.

- You have the opportunity to cast your vote for your first and second choice candidate
- Vote for your first choice candidate by putting a in the box in column A next to their name
- Vote for your second choice candidate by putting a in the box in column B next to their name
- For your second choice to be valid, it must be different to your first choice
- If you only mark a second choice, your vote will not be counted.

Election of the Mayor for Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Vote once in column A for your first choice, and
Vote once in column B for your second choice

	Column A first choice	Column B second choice
[Candidate Name]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[Candidate Name]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[Candidate Name]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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How you can vote

At your polling station

Before 4 May 2017, you should have received a poll card which includes the name and address of your polling station. You can only vote at the polling station stated on this card. You do not need to take the poll card with you in order to vote but it may save time if you do.

Applying to vote by post or proxy

Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by post or appoint someone they trust to vote on their behalf as a proxy.

New applications for a postal vote must have been received by your Electoral Registration Office (for the local authority area in which you live) by 5.00pm on Tuesday 18 April 2017. If by the time you receive this candidate information booklet the postal vote application deadline has passed, there is still time to appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf as a proxy.

The deadline for new applications for a proxy vote is 5.00pm on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

Where to get more information

To download application forms, go to www.yourvotematters.co.uk. Application forms must be returned to your Electoral Registration Office in the local authority area in which you live. Details of the ten Electoral Registration Offices in Greater Manchester can be found at the back of this booklet.

By post

If you are a registered postal voter, your postal vote will be sent to you around Friday 21 April 2017.

You should follow the instructions in the postal ballot pack very carefully. The ballot paper and the postal voting statement should be placed in the return envelopes as shown.

You must return your postal vote in the envelope provided so that it reaches your Electoral Registration Office by 10.00pm on Thursday 4 May 2017. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at your Electoral Registration Office at your local authority, or at any polling station in your local authority area before 10.00pm on Thursday 4 May 2017.

What to expect at the polling station

On Thursday 4 May 2017, polling stations will be open between 7.00am and 10.00pm for you to cast your vote.

When you arrive in the polling station, you will be asked for your name and address. Staff will check you are on the electoral register and then give you a ballot paper.

Additional support

The Combined Authority Returning Officer together with the Local Returning Officers in the ten local authority areas are committed to making sure that everybody who wants to vote can do so by providing the following:

- Polling stations which are accessible
- Tactile voting devices to enable voters with visual impairments to vote in person
- Large print versions of ballot papers
- The option of taking a companion (close relative or elector qualified to vote at the election) with you for assistance
- Trained polling station staff to provide assistance where required.

Multilingual resources

All voting materials in polling stations are in English. However, translations of key information will be available in Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, Czech, Farsi, Gujarati, Polish, Punjabi, Somali and Urdu.

CANDIDATE ELECTION ADDRESSES

**BURNHAM
FOR MAYOR**

I invited the people of Greater Manchester to help me write a plan for our future.
And you did. The result is:

Our Manifesto

Read it here at: www.BurnhamforMayor.co.uk

Politics in this country needs to change. It has been too London-centric for too long.

With the devolution of power away from Westminster, we have the chance to do things differently and make politics work for us.

To seize this opportunity, I invited the people of Greater Manchester to help me write a plan for our future.

The result is a political manifesto unlike any before: Our Manifesto - a plan for the people, by the people.

Leading Greater Manchester forward into this new era - and managing its multi-billion pound budget - is a Cabinet-level job that requires Cabinet-level experience. **I am the only candidate in this election who provides that.**

I have held three Cabinet positions, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Culture Secretary and Health Secretary. I have been a Greater Manchester MP for 16 years for the proud town and great people of Leigh.

I will be a strong, experienced voice for you and for all of Greater Manchester.

I will fight for a fair funding deal for our schools, hospitals and councils.

I will back Greater Manchester businesses to boost our prosperity.

I will use all of my passion for the NHS to rescue it from damaging Tory policies.

And I will give new hope to our young people to help them make their way in a challenging world and build the new Greater Manchester that will benefit us all.

Greater Manchester stands on the verge of an exciting new era. It is already a great place to live. With your support on May 4th, we will make it even greater.

Andy Burnham



**A STRONG
EXPERIENCED
VOICE**

Our Manifesto

We will build a more prosperous Greater Manchester, where no person and no place is left behind.

We will stop our young people being made the target for cuts. We will introduce a new university-style application system for apprenticeships. We will cut the cost of travel for all 16 to 18 year-olds on buses and Metrolink and, over time, give them a free bus pass.

We will improve public transport and cut traffic congestion. We will use new powers to take back control of our buses, make fares more affordable and give every community a decent service.

We will build more truly affordable homes to rent or own and introduce a new scheme to regulate unscrupulous private landlords.



We will end rough-sleeping here by 2020 through a new Mayor's Homelessness Fund. I will kick-start the Fund by donating 15% of my salary on an on-going basis and seeking donations from others.

We will revitalise our town centres, protect our green spaces and clean up our polluted air, including building a new network of separate cycling lanes.

We will recruit more police officers, protect neighbourhood policing teams and have a "zero tolerance" approach to hate crimes.

We will promote a new positive vision of active ageing and provide more support for carers.

We will build in Greater Manchester the country's first National Health & Care Service. We will bring social care fully into the NHS and end the broken culture of 15-minute care visits.



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[Andy Burnham MP](https://www.facebook.com/andyburnhammp)

**BURNHAM
FOR MAYOR**

Labour
and co-operative

JANE BROPHY

step forward

Jane Brophy is the fresh voice Greater Manchester needs as our new mayor.

Jane has worked all her life in the NHS. For 17 years she has campaigned tirelessly to improve our area as a local Liberal Democrat councillor.

As Greater Manchester's first mayor Jane Brophy will:

- Protect local green spaces from development.
- Tackle rising crime.
- Protect local jobs from the threat of hard Brexit.



Back Jane Brophy as our first mayor



Jane Brophy will deliver the change we need



Jane is fighting to protect local jobs and opportunities threatened by hard Brexit



Jane has a proven track record of delivering for local residents



Jane has spent her life working in the NHS. She will protect our local health services from cuts



Jane Brophy and Lib Dem Leader Tim Farron

FIND OUT MORE:

www.JaneBrophy.com

Jane **BROPHY**



1st choice



2nd choice

Stephen Morris

English Democrats

Dear Voter

I was born, raised, live and have worked all my life in Greater Manchester. I have worked in retail and public transport where I was the Unite Branch Secretary until moving to the Workers of England Union and in 2015, becoming the General Secretary.

My manifesto, my contract with you, guarantees 'Local Jobs for Local People', a living wage, social housing and a public transport fit for purpose.

I know what it takes for businesses to survive; I know what we need to do to make public transport an attractive option to use.

I know how to tackle the appalling child poverty, deprivation and homelessness spreading across our area under Labour.

I will make sure that businesses tendering for Greater Manchester local authority contracts have to have Family-Friendly Policies, they reject zero hour contracts, they implement the Greater Manchester 'Living Wage' and local people are given priority in job vacancies.

My health and social care plans will make Greater Manchester a healthier and more prosperous place to live and work.

I support the campaign for 'Local Jobs for Local People' - you can sign up to this great campaign at <http://tinyurl.com/mvmsmlt>

Stephen Morris



“**Local Jobs for Local People**”

Putting Greater Manchester FIRST!

✓ **Vote for Stephen of the English Democrats**

Health & Social Care

Abolish hospital car parking charges. Residents who study in Greater Manchester to become doctors or nurses, and sign up to work for the NHS in Greater Manchester for minimum of 5 years, will have their student fees paid for. Care units will be set up to take all the homeless off the streets of Greater Manchester. The reduction in child poverty and deprivation in Greater Manchester will be a priority.

I Will Make our Local Transport System Fit For Purpose

There will be NO Greater Manchester Road Tax (Congestion charge), Peak fares will be abolished, Metrolink Tram fares will be frozen for 4 years, over 60s will get free travel before 9:30 as well as 16 – 18 year olds going to further education. More bus routes will be introduced to service Greater Manchester residents.

Make Sure Planning Looks at Long Term Sustainability

There will be NO building on Green Belt land, fracking will be banned and affordable housing will make up 70 - 80% of all new houses. Industrial units will have to have car parking facilities built under their units, areas above ground should be given to industrial units and not made into car parks.

Make Sure the Police are Accountable to Local People

There will be zero tolerance policy towards political correctness in policing, red tape will be cut to get 'bobbies' back on the beat and they enforce the laws of England without fear or favour.

For a **FREE** information pack, call:

0207 242 1066

www.EnglishDemocrats.org



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SEAN ANSTEE: FROM HERE. FOR HERE.

CREATING A NEW, BOLDER GREATER MANCHESTER

 seananstee.com

 fb.me/seanformayor

“Our Mayor will have a multi-billion pound budget and control over jobs, transport, housing, healthcare, and skills. So it’s going to need someone with experience and the track record to take Greater Manchester forward.

I believe I’m that candidate. I’ve spent the last four years battling Westminster politicians and their party political games, and as Leader of Trafford Council I have the experience to be Greater Manchester Mayor.

I believe that together we can create a new period of greatness, a city region made up of places that are the very definition of opportunity.

You can read my complete plans at seananstee.com/manifesto, I hope you will join me in creating a bold, new future for Greater Manchester.”



Sean Anstee

-  **Grew up in Partington**
-  **Started an Apprenticeship at 16**
-  **Overseen the lowest Council Tax in Greater Manchester**
-  **Track record of local delivery as Leader of Trafford Council**

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SEAN’S PLEDGE

-  **HOUSING OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS** – by reserving a proportion of new homes for local people.
-  **CREATING MORE JOBS** – by working with Theresa May to ensure Greater Manchester is central to any post-Brexit trade deals.
-  **STRONGER POLICING** – by creating a police time bank to give communities control over priorities.
-  **IMPROVING TRANSPORT** – by introducing smart ticketing on buses, trains and trams.
-  **STRENGTHENING OUR HEALTH SERVICE** – by ensuring parity between physical and mental health services.
-  **IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT** – by securing greater protections for our greenbelt so that speculative planning applications are less likely to be successful.

RT. HON. THERESA MAY MP PRIME MINISTER

Only a Mayor with local knowledge and the experience of leadership can secure the best deal for Greater Manchester. And that person is Sean Anstee.

Sean will be the Mayor with true experience of Greater Manchester. As Leader of Trafford Council, he has the experience of working and negotiating with the Government. He will work hard to ensure that everybody in Greater Manchester has the opportunity to realise their potential – so nobody is held back, and nobody is left behind.

Greater Manchester has a huge opportunity before it. Help to seize that opportunity by electing Sean Anstee as your first ever elected Mayor on 4th May.



 **Conservatives**



WILL PATTERSON

A MAYOR WHO PUTS YOU FIRST

I'm proud to call Greater Manchester my home – I live here, I've been educated here, I've worked here and I've travelled here. This gives me real-life experience that matters – experience as a citizen of Greater Manchester, at the sharp end of the decisions your politicians take. I know the challenges we face and I'm passionate about improving everyone's experience of life in Greater Manchester.

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES

My policies as Mayor build on viewpoints of many Greater Manchester residents which were filmed over the last few months. Follow **#YesIWill** to view these and please share your stories with me too. Search '**Will4GreenMayor**' on YouTube, Facebook & Twitter



I WILL work relentlessly so that all Greater Manchester residents have:

RIGHT TO A HOME



It's simple, there needs to be a roof over EVERY head; with more homeless shelters to assist those people forced to sleep on the streets plus support for young people to get into independent living. I will oppose housing plans that create luxury developments or build on our green belt. Instead, encourage the construction of social and affordable homes. Plus I will establish a Greater Manchester Renters' Union to defend the rights of private tenants.

#YESIWILL

RIGHT TO FAIR PAY



I will push for our public bodies to pay a Real Living Wage, and to use suppliers who do the same. I'll also push the Government to pilot a Basic Income scheme in Greater Manchester, guaranteeing everyone access to basic living standards.

#YESIWILL

RIGHT TO QUICK & CLEAN TRANSPORT



I will push for simpler fares on our network, ending peak fare prices. I will create a bus network that works for passengers, not the bus companies. I will fight for more investment for the Metrolink network and push high quality electrified rail travel for everyone in Greater Manchester.

#YESIWILL

READ OUR MANIFESTO: WWW.WILL4GREENMAYOR.GREENPARTY.ORG.UK

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