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**Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Mayoral Election**

Election Booklet

Information from the Combined Authority Returning Officer
and Candidate Election Addresses



INTRODUCTION

On Thursday 6 May 2021, the voters of Greater Manchester will be voting to elect the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

In addition to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayoral Election, a Salford City Mayoral Election and Local Elections for all Councils in Greater Manchester will be held on Thursday 6 May 2021. In the Local Elections, all seats in Salford and a third of the seats in the other nine districts (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) are up for election.

Residents who are registered to vote in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan are able to vote in these elections.

The Combined Authority Returning Officer is required by law to send a copy of this Election Booklet, about the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayoral Election, to every registered elector 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 is 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 has opted to be included in this booklet.

You can also find out more at <https://gmelects.org.uk/>

9 candidates are standing for election for the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

They will be listed alphabetically on the ballot paper as follows:

BUCKLEY, Nick
Reform UK

BURNHAM, Andy
Labour and Co-operative Party

EVANS, Laura Kathryn
Conservative Party Candidate

FARMER, Marcus Jonathan
Independent

HORROCKS, Melanie Jane
Green Party

LEPORI, Simon Edward
Liberal Democrats

MARVEL, Alec*

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

SUTCLIFFE, David John*

[*Did not submit an Election Address]

Every candidate was given the opportunity to provide an Election Address to be included in this Election 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 Election Booklet has been published by Eamonn Boylan, the Combined Authority Returning Officer for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

Elections Office in the local authority area in which you live. Details of the ten Elections 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 23 April 2021.

You should follow the instructions in the postal ballot pack very carefully. The ballot paper(s) and the postal voting statement should be sent back in the return envelope provided.

This must reach your Elections Office by 10pm on Thursday 6 May 2021. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at your Elections Office, or at any polling station in your electoral area before 10pm on Thursday 6 May 2021.

Additional support

The Combined Authority Returning Officer together with the Returning Officers in the ten local authority areas are committed to ensuring that everyone who wants to vote can do so by providing:

- Polling stations that are accessible
- Tactile voting devices to enable voters with visual impairments to vote in person
- Large-print versions of ballot papers
- The option for voters to take a companion (close relative or elector qualified to vote at these elections) with them for assistance
- Polling-station staff trained to provide assistance where required.

Multilingual resources

All voting material in polling stations is in English. However, translations of key information will be available in Arabic, Bangla, Cantonese, Farsi, Kurdish Sorani, Mandarin, Polish, Punjabi, Somali and Urdu.

CANDIDATE ELECTION ADDRESSES

ON THURSDAY MAY 6TH, VOTE

NICK BUCKLEY

FOR MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER



Real policing to tackle real crime



Real ideas to tackle real homelessness



Real solutions to be a real Mayor

REFORM UK

Prevent Crime
Catch Criminals
Restore Confidence

 @NickBuckleyMBE  @NickBuckleyMBE  @NickBuckleyMBE

“ I helped kids to avoid a life of crime. I saved kids from abuse. I designed projects to tackle our homelessness crisis and supported rough sleepers into accommodation. Many of our problems are a direct consequence of our system of governance.

I run a successful charity and business. I am used to creating teams that deliver success. It's time to put the GREAT back into Greater Manchester. **”**

Nick Buckley MBE
Reform UK Mayoral Candidate for Greater Manchester



“ Reform UK believes in common sense, returning all freedoms back to the people and stopping wasteful spending. We will reopen Greater Manchester as soon as possible and we want to reboot the economy by cutting taxes for the lowest paid. We will require police to focus on preventing crime and catching criminals, not woke nonsense.

We will oppose vaccine passports and we will commit to no more lockdowns, to freedom of speech and to preserving our incredible cultural heritage.

I hope you will vote for change by voting for Nick. **”**

Richard Tice
Leader, Reform UK



PUTTING THE GREAT BACK INTO GREATER MANCHESTER



1 Policing Pledge

A back to basics approach which tackles violent crime, reduces antisocial behaviour, protects our children and patrols our streets.



2 Environmental Pledge

Yes to clean air, no to congestion charge. Yes to new houses, no to building on the Green Belt.



3 Accountability Pledge

Introduce a waste and incompetence reporting hotline, highlight and correct mistakes in the public sector and hold our public servants to account.



4 Homelessness Pledge

End rough sleeping in a year—or I will resign.

reformparty.uk 0800 414 8525

Prepared by the candidate, Nick Buckley of 7a Porchfield Square, Castlefield, Manchester, M3 4FG, who is acting as his own agent at the same address.



Prevent Crime
Catch Criminals
Restore Confidence

Stephen Morris

English Democrats

Dear Voter

I was born, raised, live and 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 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 will make sure that businesses tendering for government 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.

I know how to tackle the appalling Child Poverty, Deprivation and Homelessness spreading across our area under Labour. My Health and Social Care plans will make Greater Manchester a healthier and more prosperous place to live and work.

Stephen Morris



“**Local Jobs for Local People**”

Putting Greater Manchester FIRST!

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

Make Greater Manchester Police Fit for Purpose

In January, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary placed Greater Manchester Police under 'Special Measures' because of its severe failings, the ultimate responsibility for these failings lie with the office of Mayor, we need a change of Mayor to reverse these failings and to protect our citizens. Hold those to account who failed the victims of sexual abuse.

I Will Make our Local Transport System Fit for Purpose

Peak fares will be abolished, and bring bus routes, frequencies, fares, and standards under local control, including daily/weekly/monthly capped fares. There will be NO Greater Manchester Road Tax, or Zero Emission Zone Tax, or other form of congestion charge under my Mayoralty.

Make Sure Planning Looks at Long Term Sustainability

There will be NO building on Green Belt land, affordable housing will make up 70 - 80% of all new houses built on brownfield sites. 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.

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.

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

0207 242 1066

www.EnglishDemocrats.org

Prepared by the candidate, Stephen Morris of 75 Swinton Crescent, Unsworth, Bury, BL9 8PB, who is acting as his own agent, at the same address



English Parliament



- 1** Get police fighting crime again with leadership and extra resources.
- 2** Roads, buses and trams working for every town and village.
- 3** Reverse plans to build on green space and countryside.
- 4** Protect jobs and support business.
- 5** End the crippling Congestion Tax plan.



LAURA EVANS:

A better plan for Greater Manchester

The Greater Manchester Mayor was meant to deliver change. But that hasn't happened.

Crime is rising. Public transport's congested. And if you live outside of central Manchester, you're being left behind.

We have a chance to do things differently.

- Get GMP out of special measures and back fighting crime, working with government to get more police on the street with the resources they need.**
- Scrap the crippling Congestion Tax so we can protect peoples businesses & livelihoods, deliver a wider range of apprenticeships to support jobs.**
- Preserve our Green Spaces by reversing plans to concrete over our green belt, while building the homes we need where we need them.**

So it's down to you. Your vote this May means we can do things differently. We can deliver a better plan.

LAURA EVANS

A BETTER PLAN FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Prepared by Matthew Thomas Littler of Greater Manchester Conservatives, Office 70, Atlantic Business Centre, Altrincham, WA14 5NQ, agent for Laura Kathryn Evans of Flat 6, Limehurst, 7 St Margaret's Road, Bowdon, WA14 2BG

Vote Laura Evans. Vote Conservative.

LAURA EVANS

A BETTER PLAN FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Marcus Farmer

Independent

Being bold, confident and positive is the only way for Manchester to move forward.

Let's take back control ...
No dither, no delay!

www.jobspeaceandfreedom.co.uk

As the Mayor of Greater Manchester I would focus on jobs, peace and freedom.

Jobs - defending, creating and enriching



Peace - maintaining, enhancing and promoting

Freedom - speech, thought and expression



The negative health, social, economic, cultural and emotional effects of suppression (lockdown) are profound.

Based on my own observational evidence at street level, and using The University of Oxford's pandemic model for guidance, I am now convinced that this has to end via the democratic voting process on 6th May 2021.

Please take 15 minutes to read how I would build a team to run Greater Manchester for the next three years at www.jobspeaceandfreedom.co.uk

	Ist Choice	2nd Choice
Marcus Farmer	X	

Prepared by the candidate, Marcus Farmer, address in the district of Manchester, who is acting as his own agent, Unit 17/18 Armadillo Storage, Earl Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 6PT.

Andy Burnham: Our Voice



Vote Andy for buses that work for people, not profit

It's time to decide the future of our buses.

Since Margaret Thatcher privatised our buses in 1986, we have seen fares doubled, routes cut and passenger numbers halved.

If re-elected, Andy will bring buses back under public control for the first time in 35 years. This will allow us to create a London-style system over bus and tram by 2025 - with a single livery, tap-in/tap-out ticketing and a cap on what you can spend in any day no matter how many buses and trams you take.



Vote Andy to make our buses work for you

Andy Burnham: Our Voice

“ Last year, I stood up to the Tory Government when they tried to treat people here as second-class citizens. I was a strong voice for Greater Manchester and together we stood firm. Days later the Government gave in. I will never accept second best for you, your family or your community. I will always be your voice, standing up for Greater Manchester and the North of England. ”

What I said I would do:

- reduce homelessness and rough sleeping ✓
- introduce free bus travel for 16-18s ✓
- create a UCAS-style system for apprenticeships ✓
- recruit 670 more Police Officers and extra firefighters ✓
- build new cycling infrastructure ✓



What I will do:

- named, contactable Police Officer and PCSO for every resident
- better homes via our Good Landlord Charter
- better jobs via our Good Employment Charter
- a Green Spaces Fund for communities
- a zero-carbon Greater Manchester by 2038

Read Andy's full Manifesto here: andyformayor.co.uk/Manifesto

“ Back in 2017, I made a promise to donate 15% of my salary every month to support our work on homelessness. **I have kept that promise.** The money has helped fund A Bed Every Night - our support scheme which looks after over 500 people every night. If re-elected, **I will continue to make homelessness a personal priority and keep donating 15% of my salary every month.** ”

Andy Burnham



Our place. Our voice. Vote Andy. ✕

Prepared by Andy Smith of The Labour Party, The Wesley Centre, Royce Road, Hulme, M15 5BP, agent for Andy Burnham, address in the district of Wigan.

MELANIE HORROCKS

A GREEN VOICE FOR EVERYONE

TRANSPORT THAT CONNECTS

Walking, cycling and public transport can work together. With buses coming under local control, we need a single, simple, flat fare. Melanie will set a clear target to reduce road deaths to zero. Strong measures for clean air are needed. The 'cycle to work' scheme needs a 'cycle to school' equivalent.

FIGHTING FOR EVERYONE'S RIGHTS



"Proudly feminist, I will speak up whenever minorities come under attack. I will openly challenge the Home Office's 'hostile environment'. I will always stand up for trans and non-binary people, and for disability rights."



Prepared by Brian Arthur Candeland of 13 Devonshire Road, Manchester, M21 8XB, agent for Melanie Jane Horrocks, address in the district of Trafford.

PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST FOR HOUSES

Covid has been a harsh reminder: we've depended on local communities like never before. New housing shouldn't just be for developer profit. I'll demand developments that focus on everyone's needs, including protecting green spaces.

GREEN VOICES CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

Green Party councillors are already bringing new ideas into our town halls. As a Green mayor, I'll challenge all ten councils to do far better. I won't let them try to wish away the climate emergency. No more teachers' pensions invested in oil & gas, no more seeing the airport as a cash cow – the old ways have to end.




#MELFORMAYOR

"I'm a qualified solicitor, with a career rooted in criminal defence, and six years at the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

"Something has gone very wrong with policing in Greater Manchester. With the force now in special measures, I'm the candidate with the experience needed to put things right."

 facebook.com/MelHorrocksForMayor

 [@MelHorrocks19](https://twitter.com/MelHorrocks19)

VOTE MELANIE FIRST CHOICE

Because the voting system for Mayor is fairer, you get two votes – a first for your favourite candidate, and a second tactical vote that is counted if your favourite doesn't win.

#1

First for your **Favourite**

#2

Second for **Safety**



Dear Friend

Greater Manchester is a great place to live, I have lived in Stretford with my partner for the past 15 years and I am lucky to have found my Forever Home.

I know that so many of you are still struggling to **find a home**; that is one of the reasons why I have opposed the current development plan for Greater Manchester (GMSF).

It doesn't provide the **right homes in the right places**. We need to build on our **brownfield sites first** and make sure we build **social housing** to help people into a place they can call their home.

I believe we are best when we have all the tools and resources we need to prosper, that's why I'm calling for:

- *An integrated, cheap and green transport system.*
- *A health and social care system that works seamlessly from cradle to grave, I have seen far too much inefficiency and delay in our local hospitals during my career in the NHS.*
- *Education and training for the next generation to make sure they are prepared for the green industrial revolution we plan to drive our economy in the years to come.*
- *Community, transparency and scrutiny should be at the heart of our policing, so we can begin to rebuild trust in our Police Force.*

That is why I am asking for your support to be Mayor of Greater Manchester.

Yours Simon Lepori

Liberal Democrats

www.simonlepori.org

   @simonleporilibdem

Health & Social Care fit for the 21st century

- We need to refocus on our communities, that are currently being left behind with their physical and mental health.
- Lobby central government to bring the public health budget together in Greater Manchester.
- Integrate our hospitals and councils to allow greater communication and joint working with social care.

Houses in the right places that fit for everyone

- Brownfield first, protecting our precious green spaces.
- New hyper-local plans with real involvement of the community.
- Using up-to-date population and business growth figures.
- Get real about social housing and what is affordable across Greater Manchester so everyone can find their place.

Restoring faith in Greater Manchester Police

- Fix the broken culture in our Police force and the lack of leadership over the past 15 years.
- Create an independent reporting system allowing police officers to feel confident that their complaints are dealt with properly.
- Effective neighbourhood policing that works with communities not against them, rebuilding the broken bridges.

Transport that works for us not against us

- Single ticket system and prices that are understood across the network.
- Safer footpaths and cycleways that link our communities together so our villages, towns and cities can truly become 15 minute neighbourhoods.
- More electric charging points to aid the move from petrol to electric and reduce the air pollution without a congestion charge.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS
WORKING HARD ALL YEAR ROUND FOR YOU

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GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AREA



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