

Election of Mayor for the East Midlands Combined County Authority



Election day

Thursday 2 May 2024

East Midlands Combined County Authority Mayoral Election

On Thursday 2 May 2024, residents in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Nottingham will vote for the first ever Mayor for the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA).

The Mayor will work with councils in the Combined County Authority area to maximise its potential as a place to live, visit, work and do business. They will have the powers and responsibilities to make decisions across the whole EMCCA area.

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
- information on how to vote and completing your ballot papers.

More information can be found at: www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk

Signed

Melbourne Barrett
Combined County Authority Returning Officer

*One booklet must be distributed to each registered elector. This booklet has been produced in accordance with The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (as amended).

EMCCA Mayoral Election - Information for voters

1. Voting at a polling station

You should by now have received a poll card with information about voting and your polling station. Make sure to check this, as your polling station may have changed. You don't need to take the card with you to vote, unless you are an anonymous voter. You can find your polling station by visiting: www.wheredoivote.co.uk

2. Postal voting

The first issue of postal ballot packs will be sent out on **Wednesday 17 April 2024**. The second issue of postal ballot packs will be sent out on **Monday 22 April 2024**. You must return your postal vote, so it reaches your Local Returning Officer by **10pm on Thursday 2 May 2024**. If you miss the post, you can hand it into your local council offices during office hours to a person authorised to receive postal votes, or at a polling station in your local council area before **10pm on Thursday 2 May 2024**.*

* You can only hand in your own postal pack and postal packs for up to five other electors. If you hand in any more than that, only your own will be accepted. When handing in any pack(s), you will also be required to complete a form.

3. Apply to vote by proxy

You can appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf as a proxy, they will also need to be registered to vote and be able to attend your polling station. New applications must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024**.

Emergency proxy voting may be available in certain situations. More information and apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote.



4. Do you have the correct Voter ID to vote in person?

You need to show photo ID when voting in person at a polling station. These must be original documents, but they can have expired if the photo still looks like you. The name on your ID must be the same one you used to register to vote, but you can bring additional original evidence if it's not, like a marriage certificate. More information here - www.gov.uk/voting-photo-id

List of acceptable Voter ID

- a passport
- a full UK driving licence
- UK provisional driving licence
- a biometric immigration document
- an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram
- a Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- a Blue Badge
- a national identity card issued by an EEA state
- an Older Person's Bus Pass
- a Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- an Oyster 60+ Card
- a Freedom Pass
- a Scottish National Entitlement Card
- a 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- a Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- a Senior SmartPass
- a Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass
- a War Disablement SmartPass
- a 60+ SmartPass
- a Half Fare SmartPass
- an Electoral Identity Card

5. Don't have the right ID? Get a Voter ID Certificate

Apply for your free Voter Authority Certificate by **5pm** on **Wednesday 24 April 2024** at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or scan the QR code.



6. What to expect at the polling station?

On Thursday 2 May 2024, polling stations will be open from 7am until 10pm. **Remember to bring your photo ID with you.** When you arrive, staff will ask for your name and address, check the electoral register and your photo ID, and, if accepted, issue your ballot papers.

There will be measures in place to support voters with disabilities. Contact your local council for more information.

7. How to vote on polling day

You will receive two ballot papers:

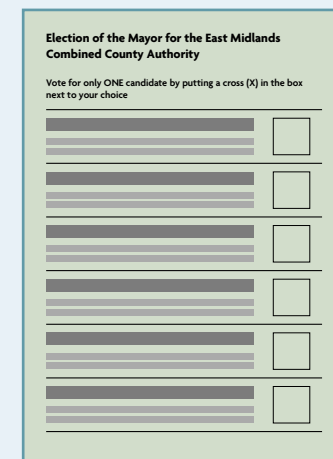
- Combined County Authority Mayoral paper will look like this and will be GREEN
- Police and Crime Commissioner election paper will be YELLOW

You have ONE vote on each of your ballot papers

- Read the ballot papers and instructions at the top carefully
- Decide who you want to vote for
- Vote for your chosen candidate by putting an X in the box to the right of their name
- Once done, fold the papers, return to the desk, and place each paper in the appropriate ballot box.

Do not put your paper(s) in the ballot box if you make a mistake, just ask the staff and they will be able to advise you and re-issue your paper(s), if necessary.

The candidate who gets the highest number of votes will be declared the Mayor for the EMCCA, with the result declared on Friday 3 May 2024 here - www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk



The role of the

East Midlands Combined County Authority & Mayor

The East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) has been made possible because of a devolution deal between the government and the four upper tier councils of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Nottingham.

The EMCCA, led by the Mayor, has been given powers, functions and funding worth £1.14 billion from the government. It means that decisions about investment in our areas, which are currently taken by central government, will be made locally.

The EMCCA will work with councils across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Nottingham to deliver the best possible outcomes for residents and businesses.

As part of the devolution deal, the EMCCA must have a directly elected mayor. The Government believes a Mayor means clearer accountability over local powers, functions and funding. A key part of the role is to act as an advocate and global ambassador for the Combined County Authority area and the 2.2 million residents who live here.

The Mayor leads the Combined County Authority, working with partner councils, business representatives and stakeholders on areas like transport, housing, regeneration, employment and skills, economic investment and the net-zero ambition.

The Mayor's term of office will run for four years.

Additional information about the Combined County Authority and the role of the Mayor can be found at www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk

Mayoral

Candidates

There are six candidates standing for Mayor of the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

The full list of candidates you can vote for on Thursday 2 May 2024 are listed in alphabetical order here. This is the order they will appear on the ballot paper.

An election address has been provided by each candidate who has made the required contribution towards the cost of printing the election booklet as determined by the combined county authority returning officer. The views expressed are their own and not those of the East Midlands Combined County Authority or its returning officer.

Lots were drawn to decide the order in which the election addresses appear in this booklet.

ADLINGTON-STRINGER, Frank
Green Party

BRADLEY, Ben
The Conservative Party Candidate

GRAVES, Alan
Reform UK

RELF, Matt
Independent

TAMBLYN-SAVILLE, Helen Louise
Liberal Democrat

WARD, Claire Margaret
Labour and Co-operative Party



Meet Claire Ward

I believe in the East Midlands. I live here, I am raising my family here.

It is a region of industry, creativity, history, and pride. But I know that it could be better. Better connected, better funded, better prepared for a future of opportunity, growth, and hope.

Now, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to move towards that better future.

As the first East Midlands Mayor I will fight to reverse the decades-long neglect and underfunding that have held back the region. I will fight for a better, more connected transport system. I will fight to bring businesses and jobs back to our region.

For over a decade I have been a leader of one of the region's great NHS hospitals. I have been an MP and a minister, in the transformative Labour government of 1997-2010. I have also had a successful career in business.

I have the experience, vision and ambition to lead us to a better future as the first East Midlands Mayor. And I have a plan to make my vision a reality that puts your future first.



Resident of Newark & Sherwood District

Find out more about
my plan for
Derbyshire and
Nottinghamshire
at
claireward.co.uk



“A vote for me means making the place we call home, the best region to live, to work and to learn.”



Get a grip of our roads, buses and trains.



Back our high streets and support the local economy



Deliver more jobs and better skills



Launch 'Visit East Midlands' to put our region back on the map



Work for a greener East Midlands



Build the homes we need

I'm the Candidate they don't want.



Gagged for suggesting a referendum
Signed in secret and denied debate in chamber
People said no but the consultation was ignored
Reform voted against this costly political expansion

"We are now stuck with this framework for a while and the only way for you to register your objection is to elect me. I will lead the region in a fair, economical and thrifty way, keeping costs down while maximising government funding. However I will work with Westminster to remove this newly created authority, saving taxpayers money, returning control back to local people."

Government says we're underfunded by £1bn a year
The new mayor is guaranteed a woeful £38m a year.
This will result in extra taxation and an increase in council tax
It could cost you over £10m per year to run



"This election does not change the government but can send a stark message to greedy political parties and a self serving civil service. I will bring a fresh common sense approach, protecting the interests of all residents in the region. I will focus on local communities, local businesses and local facilities while doing my best to reform local politics. **A vote for me is a vote for your democracy.**"

For more detailed information :
eastmidlandsreform.uk



EAST MIDLANDS PROUD

BORN IN CHESTERFIELD, RAISED IN DERBY, EDUCATED IN NOTTINGHAM, AND LIVES IN DERBYSHIRE



I made history becoming North East Derbyshire's first elected Green and have proudly worked hard for my community since.

My vision for our region is a commitment to you:

- ✔ Strong and future-ready economy which works for us
- ✔ Championing our communities, with citizens assemblies
- ✔ Restoring our region's manufacturing pride

...and yes, the potholes will get fixed too! ✔

frank

NO NEW TAXES - BECAUSE I KNOW HOUSEHOLD FINANCES ARE TIGHT

MAKING EVERY PENNY COUNT

Your new Mayor will have a £4 billion budget. This is how I will maximise our spending power and get you value for money...

- ✔ Reducing your bills through affordable travel, energy efficiency, and better paid jobs
- ✔ Only Frank will write to Government in London demanding our fair share. We had the least public investment last year.
- ✔ No increased taxes. You will not pay a penny more.



JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

MAKING OUR REGION A LEADER IN INDUSTRY



The world of work is rapidly changing, I am planning for it and will ensure you are ready to take advantage by:

- ✔ Securing well-paid jobs in sustainable manufacturing
- ✔ Making education future-ready, with more apprenticeships
- ✔ Supporting decent local businesses with Green Grants
- ✔ Only Frank will revive the East Midlands as the UK's future Green Powerhouse

RESTORING DIGNITY AND RESPECT

BOOSTING YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

I will support our communities, put people before profit, and ensure nobody is left behind by:

- ✔ Opening up empty properties, and ending homelessness
- ✔ Insulating homes - slashing bills and tackling mould
- ✔ Cleaning up our waterways and enhancing green spaces
- ✔ Providing spaces for sport, heritage, arts, culture and our communities



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

UNLOCKING OUR POTENTIAL

No ULEZ. No driving fees.



I will reverse years of cuts to our communities by:

- ✔ Only Frank will restore all buses into public control, like in Nottingham - where buses are rated best in the country
- ✔ Re-opening forgotten train stations and railways
- ✔ Delivering digital connectivity for all, especially rural homes
- ✔ Providing safe active travel routes, so kids can cycle to school and we can get around without filling up the car

I WILL PUT YOU FIRST, WHOEVER RUNS THE COUNTRY!

SEND LONDON A MESSAGE

You will choose the East Midlands first Mayor, and many of you are choosing my fresh approach.

- ✔ Anyone can win, this is a brand new role
- ✔ Only Frank can beat the established parties, he did before!
- ✔ My campaign is entirely crowdfunded by the community, not millionaire donors hoping for dodgy deals
- ✔ Only Frank will demand reparations for austerity cuts.



frankformayor@eastmidlands.greenparty.org.uk
frank4mayor.org.uk @frankadlingtons

Promoted by Darren Yates (73 Storforth Lane, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 0PP) on behalf of Frank Adlington-Stringer (2 Stubbing Court Cottages, Malthouse Lane, Chesterfield, S42 6QY)



This might be the only leaflet you receive from me. That is because there is a £10,000 entry fee to this election. I do not think that is fair as it wipes out our crowdfunded campaign budget and favours the establishment. I wish I could send you more literature, perhaps you could send them a message with your vote? Thank you, Frank :)

BEN BRADLEY FOR MAYOR

This May, we'll be voting for our new regional mayor. It's our chance to get things done. It's a huge job and comes with a big budget.

Ben Bradley is the local candidate.

Born and raised in **Derbyshire**, living and raising his family in **Nottinghamshire**, with a track record of getting things done. Ben's already delivered billions of pounds of investment into our region.

He's the only candidate with a track record of delivery.

And if elected, it'll be his one job and sole focus – **to fix the roads, improve public transport and secure more jobs and investment.**

Scan the QR code to find out more about Ben's plan to make Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

@ campaign@benbradley.uk

campaign.benbradley.uk

fb.com/BenBradleyEM



FIX THE ROADS

The East Midlands Mayor will have access to a new £1.5 billion transport fund. It's a big opportunity to really invest and make a massive difference. Ben will get straight on and deliver a major road resurfacing program.



BETTER BUS AND TRAIN ROUTES

Ben will make it easier to travel across our region with a tap-on/tap-off transport system. And he'll protect and improve vital bus services that are so important to our rural communities.



MORE JOBS AND INVESTMENT

With over £4 billion pounds of potential spending power, Ben will super-charge growth in the East Midlands by investing in the skills and creating jobs.



It's no wonder more and more Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire locals are putting party politics to one side. And backing the real local candidate. **Fix the roads. Better bus and train routes. More jobs and investment.** **Back Ben Bradley** and return your postal vote as soon as it arrives. Or vote in person on Thursday 2nd May. **We only have one chance to get this right.**

Ben Bradley



Matt Relf - Independent

If you want

POSITIVE CHANGE

You have to vote for it!

Matt Relf will be a Mayor who...

- ... will listen to you and ONLY you. He is not in the pocket of Westminster party leaders
- ... has lived and worked across our region all of his life
- ... has the skills to FIX our region's crumbling roads and pavements. No more excuses and broken promises
- ... will ensure that Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire get the funding we deserve
- ... will ensure we are doing all we can to reduce your energy bills and tackle climate change
- ... has a proven track record of great joint working with businesses, partners and politicians of any party

Independent Matt Relf ticks all the boxes!

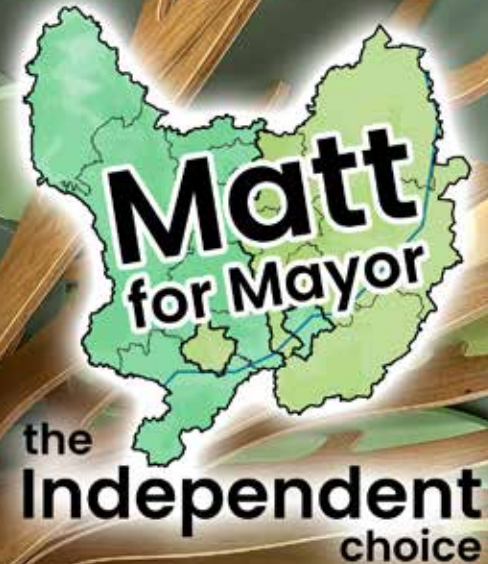
If you want to see real change in Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire, please vote for a truly Independent Mayor, who will ALWAYS put you first!

Matt Relf has the skills, track record and vision to make our region a truly great place to live, work, study, play, and visit!

Vote Independent! Vote Matt for Mayor!

Find out more at mattformayor.uk Get in contact matt@mattformayor.uk

Promoted by Jennifer James for Matt Relf, both can be reached at 16 Searby Road, Sutton In Ashfield, NG17 5JR



**Matt
for Mayor**

the
**Independent
choice**

As a successful businessman and councillor, Matt Relf is delivering a £110million regeneration programme, which is the UK's most successful!

Matt also supported the recent BBC DIY SOS – The Big Build by designing and sculpting a tree for Treetop's Hospice in Risley, Derbyshire.

He is married with a daughter and is the candidate of action and delivery.
Let's get on with **POSITIVE CHANGE** for our region!

Contact your local council for more information on voting and elections:

Council	Address	Contact details
 Derby City Council	Derby City Council Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS	Email: elections@derby.gov.uk Tel: 01332 640837
 Nottingham City Council	Nottingham City Council Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG	Email: elections@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Tel: 0115 876 4111
 Amber Valley Borough Council	Amber Valley Borough Council Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3BT	Email: elections@ambervalley.gov.uk Tel: 01773 841458
 Ashfield District Council	Ashfield District Council Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, NG17 8DA	Email: regelec@ashfield.gov.uk Tel: 01623 457321
 Bassetlaw District Council — North Nottinghamshire —	Bassetlaw District Council Queen's Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop, S80 2AH	Email: elections@bassetlaw.gov.uk Tel: 01909 533252
 Bolsover District Council	Bolsover District Council The Arc, High Street, Clowne, Chesterfield, S43 4JY	Email: Electoral.Enquiries@bolsover.gov.uk Tel: 01246 242424/2422
 Broxtowe Borough Council	Broxtowe Borough Council Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottinghamshire, NG9 1AB	Email: elections@broxtowe.gov.uk Tel: 0115 917 3294
 CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL	Chesterfield Borough Council Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, S40 1LP	Email: elections@chesterfield.gov.uk Tel: 01246 345402
 Derbyshire Dales District Council	Derbyshire Dales District Council Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock, DE4 3NN	Email: electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk Tel: 01629 761335

Council	Address	Contact details
 EREWASH BOROUGH COUNCIL	Erewash Borough Council Town Hall, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5RP	Email: electreg@erewash.gov.uk Tel: 0115 907 1190
 Gedling Borough Council	Gedling Borough Council Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LU	Email: elections@gedling.gov.uk Tel: 0115 901 3917
 High Peak Borough Council <i>working for our community</i>	High Peak Borough Council Town Hall, Market Place, Buxton SK17 6EL	Email: elections@highpeak.gov.uk Tel: 0345 129 4851
 Mansfield District Council	Mansfield District Council Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, NG19 7BH	Email: elections@mansfield.gov.uk Tel: 01623 463345
 NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL	Newark & Sherwood District Council Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY	Email: voting@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk Tel: 01636 650000
 North East Derbyshire District Council	North-East Derbyshire District Council District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG	Email: elections@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk Tel: 01246 21 7068/7069
 Rushcliffe Borough Council	Rushcliffe Borough Council Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7YG	Email: elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk Tel: 0115 981 9911
 South Derbyshire District Council	South Derbyshire District Council Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 0AH	Email: elections@southderbyshire.gov.uk Tel: 01283 595723/595728

View this booklet online

You can see a digital version of this booklet, in an accessible format, here - www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk

Why have I not received information on candidates standing in the other election?

By law we must send you this booklet with information on the East Midlands Combined County Authority Mayoral candidates. We don't have to do this for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Elections. You can find information on the PCC candidates and elections here - www.choosemypcc.org.uk

Statement by the Combined County Authority Returning Officer for the East Midlands Combined County Authority

This booklet contains information about the candidates and information useful to voters. The information provided by the candidates is their responsibility and does not reflect the opinions of myself or the Combined County Authority. As the Combined County Authority Returning Officer, I am responsible for coordinating the election and announcing the result for the East Midlands Combined County Authority Mayoral election.

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