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Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Mayoral Election
Thursday 4th May 2017



Introduction

On **Thursday, 4th May 2017** electors across the Liverpool City region, comprising the authorities of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St. Helens, Sefton and Wirral will have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor. The City Region Mayor will have a range of powers including strategic housing and planning, transport and highways, business growth, energy and environment, finance and European funding.

This booklet must be sent to you by law. The law also requires that a copy is sent to every individual registered elector rather than one per household.

The booklet includes information about the election and has in it an election address from each of the City Region Mayoral candidates who wish to be included. If you want more information about the candidates then you should contact them directly. You will also find information on how to fill in your ballot paper, how the result is calculated, together with answers to some frequently asked questions.

The booklet also sets out the contact details for each elections office where you live (see back of booklet). Further information can also be found at **liverpoolcityregionelects.org**



The Mayoral Candidates

There are 8 candidates standing for Mayor of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. Seven of those candidates requested that an election address from them be published in this booklet. All candidates are listed in alphabetical order below. This is the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

Roger Bannister - Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition

Paul Breen - Get The Coppers Off The Jury

Tony Caldeira - The Conservative Party

Carl Cashman - Liberal Democrats

Tom Crone - Green Party

Tabitha Morton - Women's Equality Party

Steve Rotheram - Labour Party

Paula Walters - UK Independence Party

The order in which the addresses of candidates appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Authority Returning Officer.



How to Vote

At this election, you can have two votes on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral ballot paper, one for your first choice candidate and one, if you wish, for your second choice candidate, (see across for further information).

You mark your choices with an 'X'.

If you wish to make a first and second choice vote, make sure you place an 'X' in both columns. **DO NOT** place both 'X' in one column as neither vote will count.



Ballot for
**Election of the Mayor for the
Liverpool City Region Combined
Authority**

Vote once (X) in column A & B

	Column A first choice	Column B second choice
Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you vote twice for the same candidate,
your second vote will not be counted.**

How The Votes are Counted

At Mayoral Elections, the supplementary voting system is used to count the number of votes cast. This is how it works:

- If one candidate gets more than 50% of the first choice votes, he or she will become the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor.
- If no candidate gets this majority, the two candidates with the most first choice votes will remain in the election and all other candidates are eliminated.
- The second choice votes for the eliminated candidates are then counted – and any votes for the two remaining candidates are added to their first choice totals.
- The candidate who then has the highest overall total of votes cast is declared the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayor.



Q & A's The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

What authorities does the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority cover?

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority covers the local authority areas of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral.

Why do we need a Liverpool City Region Mayor?

Electing a Liverpool City Region Mayor was part of the Devolution Agreement signed by the Government and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. As well as agreeing to a directly elected Mayor, the Devolution Agreement secured more than £900m of funding for the City Region over the next 30 years, as well as devolving decision making around key priorities to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

The Liverpool City Region Mayor will have the responsibility (decision making and funding control) for a number of priority areas across the Liverpool City Region including transport, employment and skills, business support and other areas.

The Mayor will also chair the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, which takes control of the £900m of funding over the next 30 years.



Will the Liverpool City Region Mayor make decisions over my local Council / the services they provide?

No. Your local council will continue to provide the services needed and used by their local communities. The Liverpool City Region Mayor will make decisions that impact on and improve the Liverpool City Region. This may include transport improvements in your area, for example, but the Liverpool City Region Mayor will not be responsible for Council services such as bin collections or setting Council Tax.

What is the term for the Liverpool City Region Mayor?

The initial term for the Liverpool City Region Mayor is three years. There will then be another election in 2020 at which the successful candidate will be elected for a four year term. Elections will then subsequently take place every four years.



Q & A's – The Voting Process

1. Why two votes for one Mayor?

The law states the voting process for Mayoral Elections must be done this way. It allows you to say who would be your second choice for Mayor if your first does not win.

2. How do I mark my vote?

Mark your vote in the usual way, with a single X in each of the columns indicated. You have two votes – for your first and second choice of Liverpool City Region Mayor.

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

Your first choice vote will still be counted.

4. I don't really like any of the candidates. What happens if I only mark an X in the second choice column?

Your vote will NOT be counted because it is not possible to identify who was your preferred candidate.

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

Your vote will not be counted because it is not possible to identify which was your preferred candidate. If you wish to use both your votes, then you must mark an X in column A for your first choice candidate and also in column B for your second choice candidate.

6. What if I put 1 and 2 on the Mayoral ballot paper for my first and second choice?

Your vote may not be counted because it is not clear what you mean. You should mark your votes with an X.

7. I have a question about this election. Who should I contact?

If your question is about how the election is being organised, please contact your local Elections office, (contact details are shown at the end of this booklet). If your question is about the candidates and their election address, you should contact the candidates themselves.

8. When will Polling Stations be open?

Polling Stations will be open from 7am - 10pm. The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card, which will be delivered separately.

9. Why has every voter in the household been sent a booklet? It seems to be a waste of money.

The law says that everyone registered must be sent their own copy so that they get a chance to see the booklet, who is standing for election and what the candidates are saying.

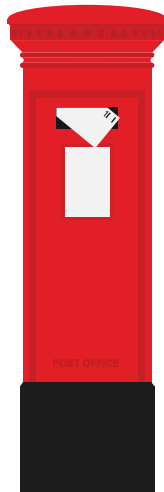
10. I have lost my poll card. Can you send me another one?

You do not need the poll card to vote, so another one won't be sent. The poll card is just to inform you that there is an election and to provide you with other information such as where your polling station is situated. If you are not sure where your Polling Station is, please contact your local Electoral Services office (contact details are shown at the end of this booklet) and they will assist you.



Postal Voters

If you are a postal voter, please ensure that your completed postal ballot paper is returned as soon as possible. If you have not received your postal ballot paper by Thursday 27th April, call your own local authority Elections helpline (details at the end of this booklet). It is important that you follow the instructions sent with your postal pack ensuring that you provide your signature and enter your date of birth on the security statement that you return with your ballot papers. This is to ensure that nobody else uses your vote.



The Candidates

Please note that the content of each of the following pages relating to candidates is the responsibility of the candidate themselves. The views expressed are theirs alone and cannot be attributed to the Combined Authority Returning Officer or any of the Combined Authority City Region councils. The order in which the addresses of the candidates appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Authority Returning Officer.



TONY CALDEIRA

BUILDING A LIVERPOOL CITY REGION THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

SERVING HALTON, KNOWSLEY, LIVERPOOL, SEFTON, ST.HELENS AND WIRRAL



On Thursday May 4th we have a huge opportunity when we will elect our first ever Metro Mayor.

This is a big job. The Metro Mayor will have control of a billion pound budget and powers over transport, strategic housing, jobs and skills, as well as growing our local economy.

We need a Mayor with business and political experience, as well as knowledge of the whole City Region.

We also need a Mayor with a plan. I believe my 6 point plan will improve the lives of local people.

I believe that I am the best candidate to be your first Metro Mayor and hope I can count on your support, to build a City Region that works for everyone.

Thank you,

Tony

TONY'S PLAN FOR THE CITY REGION

FASTER ECONOMIC GROWTH

- A new industrial strategy
- Better business support
- Make our region the best place in the UK for business

MORE JOBS & BETTER SKILLS

- 10,000 More jobs by 2020
- 20,000 new apprenticeships
- Improve skills with trainers & employers working together

BUILD MORE HOMES WHILE PROTECTING GREEN SPACES

- 25,000 new homes by 2020
- Develop brownfield sites first
- Only develop on greenbelt land in exceptional circumstances

BETTER TRANSPORT LINKS

- A local rail project in each area
- High speed rail to our region
- 6 new road & rail projects and a 30 year transport plan

GET THE BEST DEAL

- Work with the Government
- Put the City Region first
- Better value & services with councils working together

BUILD A CITY REGION THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

This plan uses the new money and powers to help all people across our region, not just in the City Centre, to build a City Region that works for everyone.

For more details of Tony's plan visit tonycaldeira.org.uk

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RT. HON. THERESA MAY MP
PRIME MINISTER

Tony is a local businessman who started his business on a Liverpool market stall and now trades around the world. He has a record of creating jobs to support the local economy.



He grew up in a council house in St.Helens, owns a business in Knowsley, lives in the city centre and understands the whole City Region. He's the candidate with the real experience the Mayor needs.

We've made great strides across the City Region. On 4th May you can help build on that progress by electing Tony Caldeira as the City Region's first ever directly-elected Mayor.

Theresa May
Prime Minister and
Leader of the Conservative Party

 **Conservatives**

TOM WILL BE A MAYOR FOR EVERYONE

#TOM4HALTON

Public transport can sometimes be expensive and unreliable. There are also poor links between many parts of the city region. As mayor, **Tom Crone would prioritise linking areas like Halton fully into the local transport network** to better connect our region.

#TOM4KNOWSLEY

With a vibrant city like Liverpool at the heart of our region, **too often surrounding boroughs feel left behind**. Tom Crone would make sure all of our local towns - like Prescot and Huyton - get their fair share of city region investment and support.

#TOM4LIVERPOOL

An estimated **1000 premature deaths a year in our city region could be caused by traffic pollution**. As Mayor, Tom Crone will promote more electric vehicles, cycling, and walking, to **cut harmful fumes and make Liverpool a cleaner, healthier place to be**.

#TOM4SEFTON

A new major road to the docks is being planned - that would cut right through the beautiful Rimrose Valley Country Park. **Tom Crone wants the money spent on a rail alternative to cut - not increase - the number of HGVs hammering through our community**.

#TOM4ST.HELENS

Right across the city region, **our green belt is under threat**. In Haydock there are plans to build massive warehouses at Florida Farm. As a Green Mayor, Tom would use any available powers to stop local councils from destroying our natural environment.

#TOM4WIRRAL

Only the Green Party wants a real **investment in the jobs-rich renewable energy sector**. As Mayor, Tom Crone would ensure that the city region invests in the growing 'green economy' to create and secure new jobs at sites like Cammell Laird in Birkenhead.



Green
Party

TOM CRONE

FOR CITY REGION MAYOR



A GREEN MAYOR FOR OUR CITY REGION WOULD

- ✓ Create new skilled jobs in green energy and technology
- ✓ Build a cleaner, improved transport system for everyone
- ✓ Invest in developing skills and training for young people
- ✓ Protect our valued green spaces for future generations
- ✓ Make the Mayor accountable through a 'People's Forum'

Promoted by Will Ward, 32 Lucerne Street, L17 8XT on behalf of Tom Crone, (Green Party), 53 Ancaster Road, L17 9QE.

ON YOUR BALLOT PAPER

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Tom **CRONE**



**MAKE TOM
FIRST CHOICE
FOR MAYOR**



tweet : @tommartincrone



facebook : TomCrone4mayor



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SAVE THE GUARDS
ON MERSEYRAIL!

I completely oppose removing the guards from our Merseyrail trains, as the Labour-run transport authority intends. Guards are critical to public safety. They are victims of a cost-cutting exercise. Profits from local public transport should be used to improve our transport network, to cut tolls or to introduce trams. Our public transport network should be publicly owned and democratically planned for people not profit.



I will fight for a Brexit that defends the needs of the city region's people, while opposing racism and more cuts. In or out of the EU, jobs, wages, rights and public services are all threatened by endless austerity from Westminster and the EU. I opposed the bosses' EU in last June's referendum and believe instead in the socialist internationalism of a people's Europe, not narrow nationalism or corporate globalisation.

BREXIT AND THE
PEOPLE

SAVE OUR GREEN
SPACE! PLAN
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING!

Instead of flogging our green space for profit, we need a democratic plan of affordable housing. The homelessness crisis is a failure of the system. We must build enough council housing to meet people's needs, while safeguarding our environment and ensuring high-quality jobs and training.



If elected I will take only the salary which I earned as a council employee. In the 1980s I was secretary of Broadgreen Labour Party, where Militant-supporting Labour MP Terry Fields took only a workers' wage and donated the rest to the labour movement. That's the kind of representatives we need now and I am proud to continue that tradition.

A WORKERS'
MAYOR ON
A WORKERS'
WAGE

HOSPITALS,
COLLEGES AND
SCHOOLS UNDER
ATTACK!

Our hospitals and colleges face huge cutbacks. Our schools face forced privatisation. I back the campaign to save the Women's Hospital. I will fight to defend what we still have, and demand resources to rebuild services that we have lost.

SAVE
OUR
NHS

Candidate	1st preference	2nd preference
ROGER BANNISTER Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition		

Vote for Roger first preference.
You also have a second preference vote in this election

Prepared by Hugh Caffrey (agent) on behalf of Roger Bannister (candidate), both of 91 Chirkdale St, Liverpool, L4 3SG

“ I am the socialist candidate. I will resist government cuts, defend jobs, services, living standards and our environment; and fight to win back resources that have been slashed from the region's services.

I will challenge cuts-making politicians of any party. I support Jeremy Corbyn's opposition to austerity. But most Labour MPs don't support him and Labour in local authorities continues to implement cuts which hit the poorest hardest. Meanwhile the super-rich who caused the crisis continue to enrich themselves!

The Tory government want the mayor to accelerate cuts and privatisation. But I would do the opposite. My core socialist policies could be achieved by a socialist mayor leading a mass opposition to never-ending austerity.

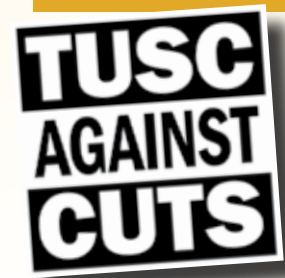
Roger is a lifelong trade unionist and socialist who stood for mayor of Liverpool last year and won 4,950 votes, well ahead of the Tories. When standing for the council in his local ward, Roger has consistently been second only to the Labour incumbents. Roger was branch secretary of Knowsley Unison and a member of the union's national executive council for decades until retiring this year.

NO CUTS!



VOTE
ROGER
BANNISTER

Trade Unionist
and Socialist
Coalition



SUPPORT
ROGER

Roger Bannister for Mayor

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STEVE ROTHERAM
LABOUR CANDIDATE

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For too long too many decisions about our future have been taken by people who don't know or care about our region.

A London-based political system has put the interests of the capital and the South East first, neglecting the future of cities and regions in the North that built-up our nation's wealth and global strength.

On May 4th, we have the chance to change all that.

It's a chance to take power back from London and start to tackle the things that matter most to us, and make a future based on our shared values and aspirations.

My vision is for a region that is ambitious, fair, green, connected and together.

A dynamic, successful City Region creating high skill, high value jobs in the economy of tomorrow. A place where all our young people have the chance to get the skills and qualifications they need to fulfill their potential.

A region that is fair and inclusive, that values every individual and ensures every community shares in our future prosperity.

A region where we plan a future that balances the need for development with respect for our environment, and where everyone can expect a decent and affordable home.

I believe we should be harnessing our natural assets and creative talent to make our mark on the world stage, by embracing the enormous potential of our river as a source of renewable energy, and exploiting our world-class expertise in areas like Life Science and digital innovation.

Our history and prosperity were founded on our connectivity – our infrastructure and maritime trade. I want to rebuild those connections through modernising our transport system, transforming our digital infrastructure and putting us at the heart of new high speed rail network for the North.

We are six boroughs with a shared history and values. We know we are stronger when we stick together.

As Metro Mayor, I will stand up for every community and ensure every voice is listened to. I know and care about this region, because it's where I'm from, where I learned a trade, started a business and raised a family.

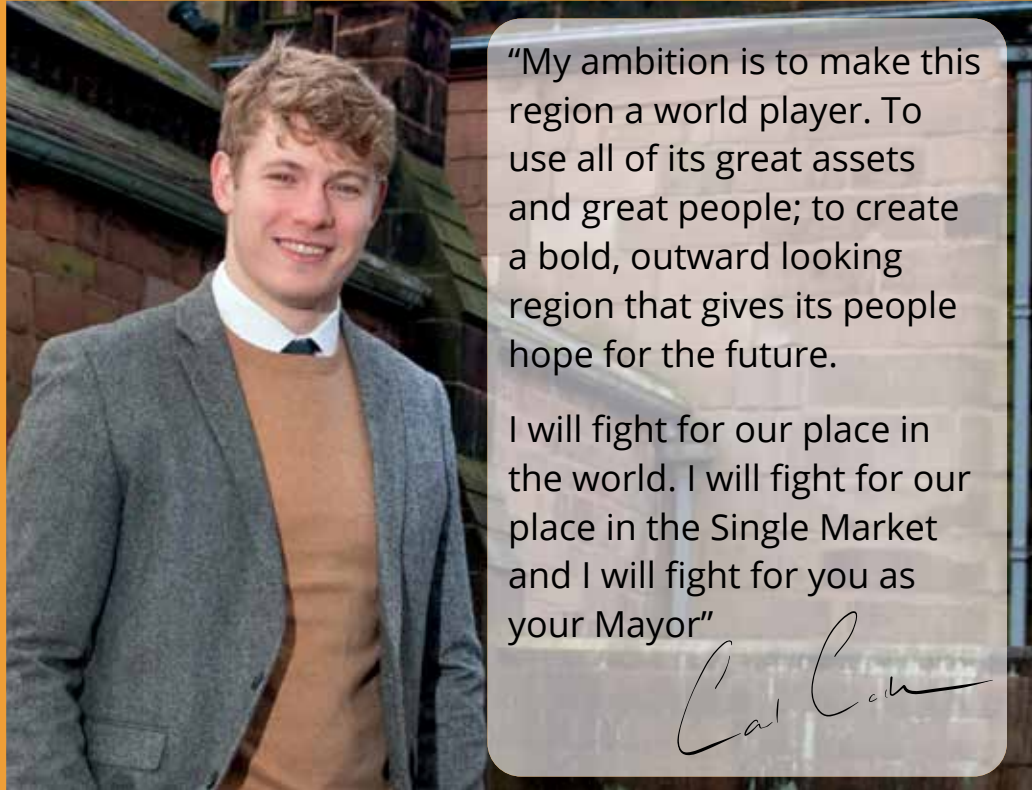
Devolution is not another tier of government, it's about reconnecting politics with people. It's about understanding why people have lost trust in politics, and starting to rebuild that trust.

It's why I am standing to be our first Metro Mayor, and why I hope you will trust me with your vote.

Steve Rotheram
Labour Candidate

CARL CASHMAN

A NEW VISION FOR OUR REGION



“My ambition is to make this region a world player. To use all of its great assets and great people; to create a bold, outward looking region that gives its people hope for the future.

I will fight for our place in the world. I will fight for our place in the Single Market and I will fight for you as your Mayor”

@CarlCashman

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READ CARL'S NEW VISION FOR MERSEYSIDE & HALTON TODAY AT: WWW.CARLCASHMAN.ORG.UK



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PROTECTING OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

◆ Carl Cashman and the Liberal Democrats are leading the campaign against a ‘hard’ Brexit. As your new Metro Mayor, Carl will lobby government to keep us in the single market; protecting jobs and investment for our region.

PROTECTING OUR GREEN SPACE

◆ Carl Cashman will protect our green spaces and green belt land from unnecessary development. He will work with councils to prioritise Brownfield sites. We need new homes, but in the right places.

BETTER CONNECTING OUR REGION

◆ Carl Cashman will create a 24 hour connected region by improving our transport links. He will expand the Walrus card scheme; bringing buses, trains, ferries, tunnels and bridges into one single, contactless payment.

MAKING DEVOLUTION WORK

◆ Carl Cashman will hold a referendum on the position of elected Mayor of the Liverpool City Region. He will also renegotiate the deal to strengthen powers and increase funding to the region.



On 4th May, give Carl Cashman your first preference

CARL CASHMAN





Tabitha Morton for Mayor of Liverpool City Region

I want to build a fairer future for our region, putting justice and equality at the heart of all that I do as Mayor.

The Metro Mayor will shape Liverpool City Region's future, with new powers devolved from Westminster over enterprise, housing, transport, and training and skills.

I am the only candidate putting equality at the top of the agenda, and I want to do politics differently. It's time that new voices are heard.

On 4 May, you have two votes. Give your first vote to equality, then use your second vote for one of the old parties. Your first vote really counts: use it to show that you're ready for change.

It's time for change - the old parties are leaving people behind. Be part of our future.

WE will prioritise:



A better devolution deal - Of the six local authorities across Liverpool City Region, there are no female Council Leaders, and women councillors make up less than 30% of cabinet positions. WE are standing the first woman in the race for Mayor of Liverpool City Region to change the debate, and put women's equality at the top of the agenda.



Ending violence against women and girls - Liverpool City Region currently has the highest reported rates of domestic violence in the UK - but there is no citywide strategy to end violence against women and girls in Liverpool City Region. WE will develop and implement a city region strategy to end all forms of violence against women and girls and ensure no woman is ever turned away from life saving services.



Valuing care - Our economy and social infrastructure is built on the paid and unpaid work of people who care for others. WE will put childcare on the devolution agenda to ensure access to affordable, quality childcare, creating jobs and boosting our economy. WE will fight for ring-fenced funding for the specialist services currently provided by the Women's Hospital.



Equal skills and training - Liverpool City Region's education system is failing its children, channelling girls and boys into different kinds of work, and creating a gender pay gap. Women make up 94% of childcare apprentices but less than 4% of engineering apprentices. And women are more likely to be out of work at the end of it. WE will use new powers over skills and training to reduce inequalities and ensure equal opportunities to learn, to earn and to innovate.



Transport for all - The Liverpool City Region public transport network is costly and time consuming. WE will ensure that all transport investments make our region more accessible, and look for ways to provide better transport for people with hidden disabilities. WE will combat street harassment so that women can travel freely around the city region.

Because equality is better for everyone www.womensequality.org.uk/liverpool_2017



VOTE Paula Walters for Liverpool City Region Mayor



Dear Resident,

As a fellow-resident, born and bred on Merseyside - and also as UKIP's Wirral Branch Chairman - I am very familiar with the issues that we face in our region: your concerns are my concerns. **In seeking your vote in the forthcoming election for the position of Liverpool City Region ('Metro') Mayor, I have only one agenda: to serve you, rather than to govern you, putting power back into the hands of the people who matter – i.e. YOU, the residents.**

I promise to do all that I can to improve the work- and life- prospects of all Merseysiders, including more affordable childcare; better education and proper apprenticeships for our young people; addressing zero-hour contracts; ensuring that our workers have worthwhile, secure, employment - giving them a better quality of life and allowing them to plan for the future. Improved provision for local hospitals, mental health services and Adult Social Care.

Small businesses in our region are neglected and under-funded: if you elect me, I will use the position you give me to press to have taxes reduced and to gain much-needed funding to regenerate our under-funded and boarded-up shopping areas.

I continue to actively and vigorously campaign in support of UKIP's long-running drive to **scrap the current and planned charges for using the Mersey Tunnel, the Runcorn/Widnes Bridge and the new Mersey Gateway Bridge:** our bridges and tunnels should be treated as simply a part of the road network and, as such, the Government should fund them through the taxes that we already pay. The current and planned tolls amount to a completely unfair tax on local jobs, tourism and travel - all paid for by residents on both sides of the Mersey. **The Labour Party has failed to take any effective action to end this stealth tax on us, the people of Merseyside.** Local motorists should not be treated as a cash cow.

I was part of the campaign to halt Labour's plans to impose parking charges in 50 main roads and high streets on the Wirral: their plans had no thought for the effect on local residents or small businesses.



VOTE Paula Walters for Liverpool City Region Mayor



If you elect me, I will work hard to address areas of need, including: -

- In run-down areas. regenerate derelict buildings and/or build affordable new housing, using local businesses wherever possible - with priority given to firms that do not use zero-hour contracts.
- Protect our green spaces; build on brown-field sites.
- Back the provision of high-quality education and skills, to improve the lives and prospects of our young people.
- Improve job-opportunities for single parents. Support affordable childcare.
- Support local hospitals, mental health services and Adult Social Care.
- Scrap fees for Mersey Tunnels and Runcorn Bridges.
- Keep guards on our trains: ensuring passenger-safety is vital.
- Free bus-passes for all over-60s.

This is my vision, but it's your vote, your choice. I am asking you to vote for me to be your voice - a powerful voice that will drive real improvements to the quality of your life and the lives of everyone else in our Region.

Your sincerely,

Paula Walters

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