



VOTE

for the next

mayor

of Lewisham

Thursday 3 May 2018



YOUR VOTE ✕ YOUR COMMUNITY ✕ YOUR COUNCIL

On Thursday 3 May 2018, you can vote for the person you want to be mayor of Lewisham until 2022.

In this booklet you will find information on how to vote, and election statements from all of the mayoral candidates who chose to submit one.

The candidates are responsible for the information in their statements, provided they comply with legal requirements. The views expressed are their own. Candidate's names and details appear in random order, which is decided by drawing lots.

Janet Senior, Returning Officer

Contents

Key dates	4
Election information	5
List of candidates	6
Sample ballot paper	7
Candidate information	8–21
Voting information	22
How the mayor is elected	23

Key dates

Voter registration deadline

Tuesday 17 April 2018 at midnight

Postal vote application deadline

Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 5pm

Proxy vote application deadline

Wednesday 25 April 2018 at 5pm

Postal votes will arrive

Thursday 19 April–Tuesday 24 April 2018

Election day

Thursday 3 May 2018, polling stations open 7am–10pm

Counting the votes

Thursday 3 May from 10pm and Friday 4 May 2018

Results announced on Lewisham Council's website

Friday 4 May 2018 evening

Election information

On Thursday 3 May 2018, you will be able to vote for the directly-elected mayor of Lewisham and for your local councillors.

On election day, you will be given two ballot papers at the polling station. You will get a pink one for the mayor and a yellow one for your local councillors.

Your ward and polling station are shown on the front of your poll card. Some polling stations have changed, so check the map on your poll card.

You can also find where your polling station is by visiting www.lewisham.gov.uk/elections or calling 020 8314 6086.

Who can vote

You can vote in this election if you:

- are registered to vote in Lewisham
- are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen
- turned 18 on or before Thursday 3 May 2018.

British overseas electors cannot vote in this election.

List of candidates



Ross Kenneth Archer

The Conservative Party Candidate

Duwayne Brooks

Independent



John Leo Coughlin

The Green Party



Will Donnelly

Democrats and Veterans Party



Damien Egan

Labour and Co-operative Party



John Nicholas Hamilton

Lewisham People Before Profit




Chris Maines







Liberal Democrats

Sample ballot paper

**Election of the Mayor for
London Borough of Lewisham**



Vote once in column 1 for your first choice, and
Vote once in column 2 for your second choice

	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
<hr/> ARCHER, Ross Kenneth The Conservative Party Candidate 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> BROOKS, Duwayne Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> COUGHLIN, John Leo The Green Party 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> DONNELLY, Will Democrats and Veterans Party 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> EGAN, Damien Labour and Co-operative Party 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> HAMILTON, John Nicholas Lewisham People Before Profit 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> MAINES, Chris Liberal Democrats 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Mayoral ballot paper will be pink.

The ballot paper illustrated on this page is a guide only and may be subject to change.



Lewisham needs a real change after 16 years of housing crisis, privatisation and cuts.

Scrap the undemocratic mayoral system and give power back to councillors.

“We need to stand up to the Tory government, not pass on their cuts. Vote for change after the disastrous Bullock years – not for more of the same.”

John Hamilton

Bring Back Democracy

Scrap the Mayoral system



John Hamilton has been active in local politics for 20 years and is a founder of *Lewisham People Before Profit*, set up because the Labour council seems to put developers and multinationals before the interests of local people.

People Before Profit is not standing for council seats because councillors have no power under the executive mayoral system and, unlike Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, we don't have a fair voting system.

If elected John will:

- **Call a referendum** on abolishing the mayoral post from 2022 and return to the committee structure where all councillors have a say – one person should not be an elected dictator.
- **Refuse the salary** of around £80,000 and do the job for the average Lewisham wage, under £30,000.
- **Re-open all the community centres**, libraries and under-5 playclubs with council paid staff to run these services, training the current volunteers if they wish.
- **Set up a direct works team** to build the new council houses we need – not private sector homes at Besson Sreet as currently planned.
- **Insist that all developers** meet the council's requirement that 50% of all new homes be for rent affordable to Lewisham residents.
- **Take school meals**, parks maintenance and road-works back "in-house" instead of letting private companies pay low wages to staff on short-term contracts.
- **Open council-run care homes** for the elderly who need to be treated with dignity in more suitable surroundings, often freeing up larger homes for families with children.

**Vote for
John Hamilton
on May 3rd**

www.PeopleBeforeProfit.org.uk

He will finance the restoration of services by:

- **Cancelling the disastrous PFI** contracts for street-lighting and housing maintenance.
- **Ending the use** of overpaid outside consultants.
- **Capping top council pay** at 3 times the average Lewisham wage during these difficult financial times.

We need someone bold enough to stand up to the overpaid senior council officers and their friends the developers and multinationals.

A glance at the videos on the *People Before Profit* YouTube channel will show you that John Hamilton has that courage and determination.

We don't need more of the same old clique running Lewisham down.

You have a first and second vote in the election for mayor. Please give your second vote to a candidate who supports our policies for real change.

More information at our website: www.PeopleBeforeProfit.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

Get a copy of our detailed manifesto by emailing: manifesto@lpbp.org.uk

Help abolish the mayoral system by emailing:

help@BringBackDemocracy.org.uk

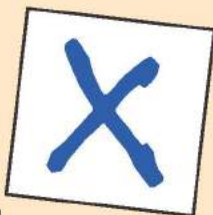
Text 07986 998 172





CHRIS MAINES

lewishamlibdems.org.uk



The **experience** and **vision**
to change our borough



Chris has experience of running a London council. He knows how to get things done.



Chris knows that things need to change in Lewisham. Labour has become complacent.



Chris will prioritise housing, secondary education, crime reduction and our environment.

Liberal
Democrats 

Secondary Education

The Labour-run council is failing to support our secondary schools. It is falling behind other boroughs. Our primary schools are succeeding, so why not our secondaries? Chris will ensure Lewisham has a plan to turn things around.

Housing

Lewisham Labour is failing to use money from sold-off council homes to build enough homes at social rents. It is failing to ensure new developments include affordable homes. Chris will ensure that Lewisham builds homes that local families can afford. He will also tighten controls on rogue landlords.

Crime

Too many of our young people are being lost to gang violence. Chris wants us to learn from Scotland where a different approach is being taken that has resulted in far fewer young people being killed or maimed.

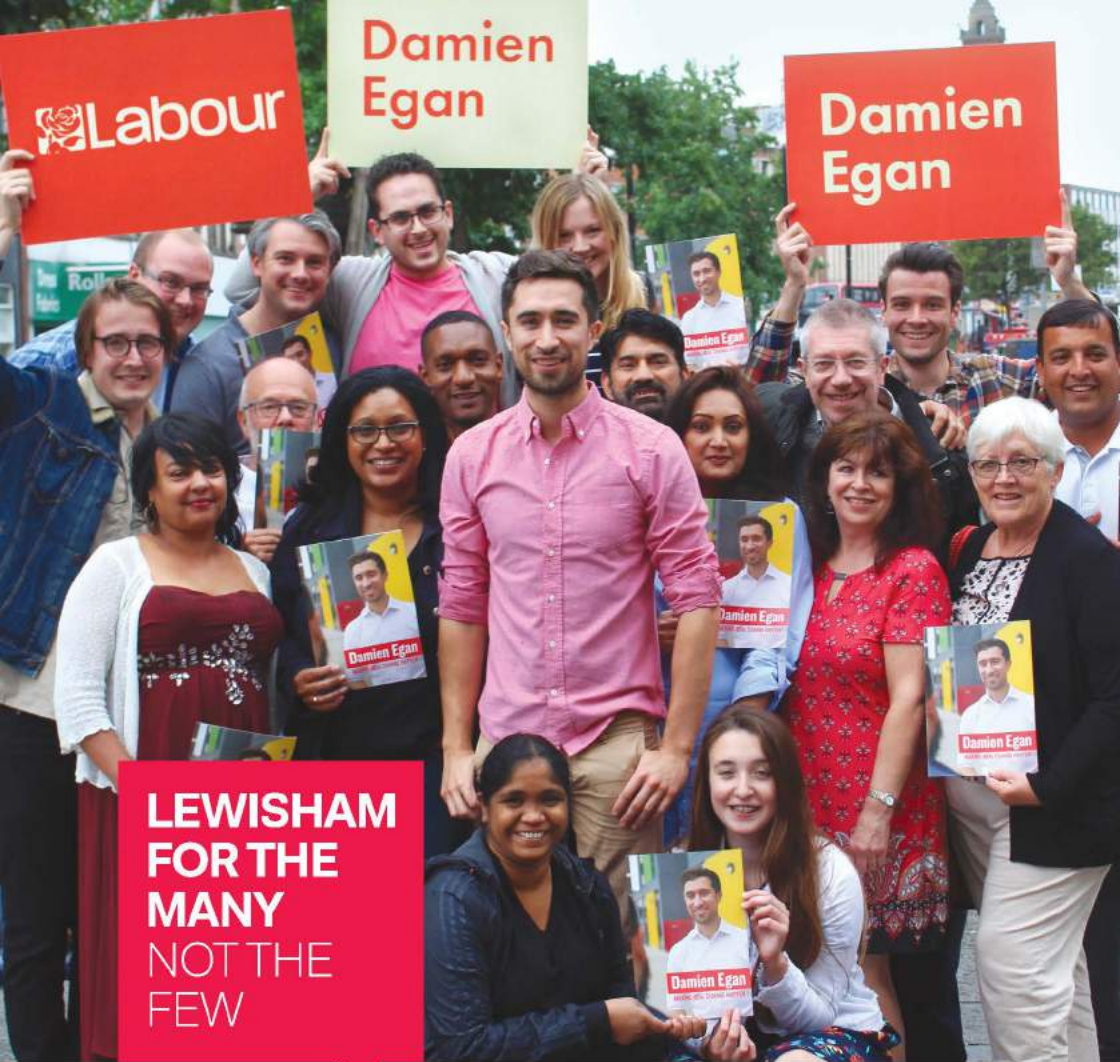
Our Environment

There's so much more Lewisham Council could do. Chris will ensure the council installs solar panels on council owned properties, provides low-interest loans for micro-generation schemes and installs more charging points for electric vehicles.

Local Democracy

Labour has run Lewisham Council for more than 40 years. It has become complacent. Chris Maines and the Liberal Democrats believe a strong team, instead of an all-powerful mayor, would result in better services for Lewisham's residents.





We are standing on a bold platform — a manifesto for the many, not the few. We believe in an open, tolerant Lewisham and will show there is an alternative to the anti-immigration, hard-Brexit Tories. Austerity has hit Lewisham hard. This is your chance to vote for a radical alternative and to send a message to this Tory Government.

Damien Egan

Cllr Damien Egan
Lewisham Labour candidate
for Mayor

OUR RECORD

- **Approved 500 council homes** since 2014 and introduced landlord licensing
- **Kept Sure Start centres open** and made our primary schools among the best in the UK
- **The first Living Wage Council** and championed fair pay across Lewisham
- **Stopped the Tories closing Lewisham A&E** by taking the Government to court
- **Protected our green spaces** and introduced a food recycling scheme
- **Led the local campaign against Brexit** and welcomed refugee families

OUR PLEDGES

- **Tackle the housing crisis** with 1,000 new social homes – genuinely affordable housing
- **Give young people the best start** by ensuring all schools are good or outstanding
- **Build an economy for the many** by doubling the number of Living Wage employers
- **Defend our NHS** and introduce the Ethical Care Charter
- **Create a cleaner, greener borough** and reduce toxic air pollution
- **Stand up for migrants** by expanding our refugee resettlement programme

For more information,
to see our full manifesto,
to join the Labour Party,
or support our campaign:

- ✉ Labour@Lewisham.org.uk
- 🏠 www.lewishamlabour.com
- 🐦 [@LewishamLabour](https://twitter.com/@LewishamLabour)
- 📘 [/LewishamLabour](https://www.facebook.com/LewishamLabour)

Vote Lewisham Labour 3rd May

Prepared by John Paschoud of 43 Sunderland Rd SE23 2PS, election agent for Damien Egan, candidate, of 39a Bonfield Rd SE13 6BX



Vote Conservative

ROSS

ARCHER

**The fresh start Lewisham deserves:
My priorities as Mayor will be:**

- 1 Building 3,000 new homes a year with 40% being genuinely affordable.**
- 2 Improving local air quality.**
- 3 Campaigning for better local transport and to end Fare Zone Four in Lewisham.**
- 4 Improving schools so everyone can have the best possible start in life.**
- 5 Investing in youth facilities by cutting the cost of politics.**

Find out more at LewishamConservatives.org.uk/Fresh-Start

Prepared by Brian Chipps of 77 Dartmouth Road, SE23 3HT, election agent for candidate Ross Archer of 92 Sydenham Park Road, SE25 4LH.



Ross has been campaigning to have Grove Park, Lower Sydenham and Beckenham Hill railway stations rezoned to Zone 3.



Ross will scrap the compulsory purchase order at Millwall and ensure the club's future is in Lewisham.



Ross will cut the Mayoral salary by 20% as part of his mission to cut the cost of politics.



Ross will take a zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping and reintroduce weekly bin collections.

Dear Resident,

Lewisham needs change. We have been let down by the Labour-dominated council. Lewisham has the worst secondary schools in the Capital, £500,000 has been wasted on an unneeded Millwall CPO inquiry, not enough genuinely affordable homes have been built and for all this we get charged the highest council tax in Inner London.

On May 3rd you have the opportunity to vote for a real fresh start for Lewisham. Only Lewisham Conservatives can deliver that change and the fresh start Lewisham deserves.

Vote for Conservative - Elect Ross Archer on May 3rd.

Ross Archer | Conservative Candidate for Mayor of Lewisham

ON 3RD MAY VOTE
FOR GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE

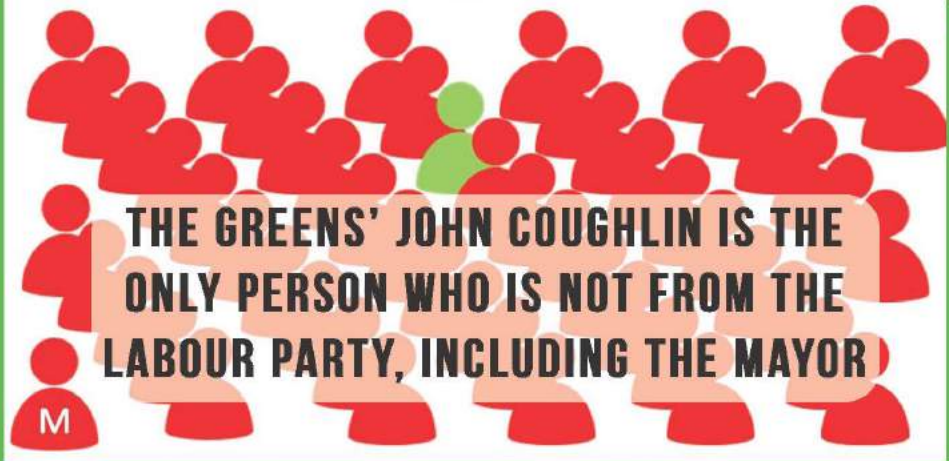


JOHN COUGHLIN

FOR A FAIRER BOROUGH



This is what the current decision making body looks like in our borough of Lewisham



THE GREENS' JOHN COUGHLIN IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO IS NOT FROM THE LABOUR PARTY, INCLUDING THE MAYOR

Electing yet another Labour candidate will make no difference, but a Green will—increasing accountability and keeping Labour on track. We will work for:

GOOD QUALITY, GENUINELY AFFORDABLE HOMES

ENOUGH SCHOOL PLACES & AN END TO ACADEMISATION

SAFER, CLEANER STREETS

A dramatic increase in homes for social rent to meet demand. Energy efficient homes built to last using the best sustainable materials.

Listen to parents.

'Liveable communities' across our borough, with thousands of new street trees. Boost cycling, walking and public transport, reduce traffic, improve air quality for all.

VOTE GREEN, VOTE FOR FAIRNESS



IS THE MAYOR GOOD FOR LEWISHAM? “A Mayor and cabinet

system concentrates decision-making in too small a group. This is no good for democracy or for the people of Lewisham.” Greens support a referendum on whether to keep the system.



A FAIRER VOTING SYSTEM. In 2014,

Labour took 98% of the seats with just 51% of the vote. “Last year, my motion for a fairer voting system fell by just 1 vote. I want to introduce a proportional system so the council better reflects your votes.”



A VOICE FOR WOMEN. Led by women, the Green Party is always ahead of the curve in championing gender

equality. Left is a local Green activist with Co-Leader Caroline Lucas MP, who both contributed to a Fawcett Society booklet on increasing women's representation in politics.



YES TO THE EU, YES TO A REFERENDUM ON THE FINAL

DEAL. Greens value all our residents, including those from elsewhere in Europe. We support a 2nd referendum—with the option to REMAIN.

**ON 3RD MAY
VOTE FOR**

**GREEN COUNCILLOR
JOHN COUGHLIN**

Greens have represented residents in Lewisham since 2002. John was elected as a Councillor for Brockley in 2014, as the borough's only opposition Councillor, the only member holding Labour to account. He is a freelance translator & local musician.

WANT TO HELP US MAKE OUR BOROUGH FAIRER?

Get in touch...

@LewGreenParty 

LewishamGreenParty 

Email us on: contact@lewisham.greenparty.org.uk

Prepared by John Keidan of 32 Foxborough Gardens, SE4 1HX, on behalf of John Coughlin, 8A Overcliff Road, SE13 7TZ

VOTE DUWAYNE BROOKS



#ACouncilThatWorksForYou

Lewisham it's time to STOP
VOTING RED!

After 16 years of Lewisham
being RED, what has a Labour
Mayor really achieved for us as
a borough?

All we have received is false
hope, which has led to a build up
of distrust year after year within
our community and ultimately
created barriers for positive and
progressive change. This is why
3rd May 2018 is the time for us
to come together and make that
change.

Lewisham we deserve better.
We can care for our young, our
working class and our elderly in
a much better way. Government
cuts should never be used to
cover poor and lacklustre
leadership.

Put your trust in me. We can do
more and I promise to do so.

PENSIONERS

- Free parking across the borough
- 999 priority emergency response
- Meet and greet team at Laurence House
- Dedicated places to socialize with friends

HOUSING

- Robust private landlord licensing scheme
- No family will live in damp conditions
- Secure 500 new builds at social rents
- £50 refund for missed repairs appointments
- No family will be forced out of London

EDUCATION

- Adult autism support
- Lewisham schools debating competition
- Boost our 16 years failing GSCE pass rate
- Free playschemes during the school holidays
- Free sanitary products for all school age girls

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Victim support counselling service
- Youth guaranteed employment program
- Borough-wide detached youth workers
- Early intervention/support young people and parents

POLICING

- Reduce serious violence
- Reduce stop searches for cannabis
- Tackle county lines and sexual exploitation
- Introduce a witness/victim protection programme
- Cultural Competence training for frontline officers

COUNCIL STAFF

- Free parking at work
- Annual team building retreats
- Rest, read and recuperate program
- Increase flexible working opportunities

LEASEHOLDERS

- PFI contracts published
- Major works contracts published
- Council services contracts published
- Independent Auditors

I make you SIX promises...

PROMISE ONE

Improve our dismal GCSE passrate that has seen us languish for the past 16 years at the bottom of the table for London. Protect and support our teachers whilst igniting the passion in our young people to be unique cherishing the opportunity for a safer, brighter future.

PROMISE TWO

Reduce the crime rate and the fear of crime across the borough; Lewisham's reputation as a violent borough is public knowledge. Reduce the number of cannabis searches and use our resources more efficiently to benefit Lewisham.

PROMISE THREE

Guarantee our young residents jobs and training with local businesses that improve their skills, knowledge and experience whilst tackling the huge mental health crises and lack of support for our young victims of crime.

PROMISE FOUR

Protect our vulnerable tenants who rent privately from unscrupulous landlords who refuse to provide a decent home while ending this growing trend of sending families in need of housing out of London.

PROMISE FIVE

Open Lewisham to Europe and the rest of the world celebrating our diversity and attracting investment. As the 14th most diverse borough in the country, I will protect everyone of you from hatred, discrimination and racism as I lead a borough that works for you.

PROMISE SIX

To use the vast experience held by our huge number of talented, skilled and mature residents to upskill, improve and reshape the lives of many of our youth and older residents who have lost hope in the jobs market and their future.

A personal word from Duwayne...

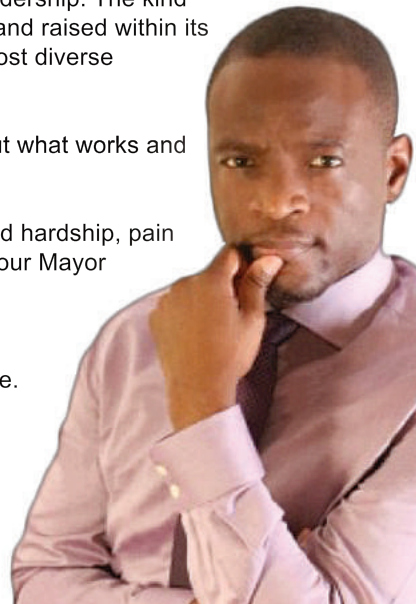
"Lewisham needs insightful care, attention and structured leadership. The kind that can only truly be provided from someone who was born and raised within its environment and its unique culture that makes us the 14th most diverse borough in England.

I've experienced the good and the bad. I am passionate about what works and what doesn't within this London borough I call home.

Lewisham residents across the borough have unfairly endured hardship, pain and frustration for a majority of the last 16 years under a Labour Mayor we believed in.

It's time to think and act independently in Lewisham. We can achieve this together. Vote for Change. Vote for a better future. Vote Duwayne Brooks for your next Mayor of Lewisham "

Duwayne Brooks



WILL DONNELLY

FOR LEWISHAM



HELLO

My name is Will Donnelly and I am the youngest candidate in this Mayoral race at the age of 19.

I have been a Lewisham resident my entire life, having been born in Lewisham Hospital and brought up in the Lee Green area. I am currently a second-year economics student at the University of Essex in Colchester. Having lived here my whole life, I understand the problems that are faced by local people in Lewisham and - more crucially - how to solve them.

DIRECT DEMOCRACY EMPOWERING THE PEOPLE OF LEWISHAM

The **Democrats & Veterans Party** is a new party contesting the local elections for the first time this year and it's the only party that's committed to real local democracy. We want to hear your issues - and your solutions - and make those our priority. We believe **all** councillors and elected representatives should be truly subject to the will of the people.

WE PROPOSE:

● A system whereby 20% of registered electors in a ward or borough can request a local referendum on any decision made by the council affecting their area.

● That all future local elections are decided by Proportional Representation (PR) with a minimum requirement of 5% to gain representation. This will ensure single party fiefdoms become the politics of the past.

WE'RE LISTENING

YOUR PRIORITIES ARE OUR PRIORITIES

1.



GANG, ACID ATTACK & KNIFE EPIDEMIC

Finding solutions NOW

2.



GIVING POWER BACK TO THE PEOPLE

Local Direct Democracy

3.



TRANSPORT

Common sense solutions that
serve the people of Lewisham

4.



COHESION

Stronger communities through
the promotion of British Values

5.



HOUSING

Putting local people and our
veterans at the front of the queue

6.



IMPROVING HEALTH

Especially for our young people,
with an emphasis on sport

ON THURSDAY, 3RD MAY, VOTE

WILL DONNELLY

DEMOCRATS & VETERANS PARTY



dyparty.uk



facebook.com/DandVParty



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



Voting information

Why you get two votes for one mayor

Legally, we have to use the supplementary voting system to elect a new mayor. It means you can say who your second choice for mayor is if your first choice doesn't win outright and doesn't make it into the top two after the first round of counting.

What happens if you don't make a second choice

You don't have to make a second choice. Your first choice will still be counted.

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

Your second choice vote will not be counted if you don't make a first choice.

What happens if you mark an X in the first choice column for more than one candidate

Your vote will not be counted if you make two first choices. If you want to vote for two candidates, you need to put an X in column one for your first choice and an X in column two for your second choice.

When the polling stations will be open

The polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 3 May 2018. You can find the location of your polling station on your poll card or online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/elections.

What to do if you lose your poll card

You don't need a poll card to vote. We use poll cards to tell you that there is an election and explain where your polling station is. If you lose your poll card, go to the polling station on election day and the staff there will help you. You can find where your polling station is by visiting www.lewisham.gov.uk/elections or calling 020 8314 6086.

Why we have sent a booklet to every voter in your household

Legally, we have to send a copy of this booklet to every registered voter in the borough. This means they will get a chance to see who the candidates are.

How the mayor is elected

The mayor is elected using the supplementary voting system. This means you have two votes – one for your first choice candidate and one for your second choice.

How to vote

To vote for your first choice, mark an X in the first column. To vote for your second choice, mark an X in the second column. You do not have to mark a second choice if you don't want to. If you vote for the same candidate twice, your second vote will not be counted.

The vote count

The votes will be counted from 10pm on Thursday 3 May and throughout Friday 4 May 2018.

If a candidate gets more than 50% of the votes

- After the first choice votes are counted, if one candidate has got more than 50% of the votes, they will be elected the mayor of Lewisham.

If no candidate gets more than 50% of the votes

- If no candidate gets more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates with the most first choice votes will stay in the election and all the other candidates will be eliminated.
- The ballot papers for all the eliminated candidates will be counted and the second choice votes for the two remaining candidates will be added to their first round totals. The candidate with the most first and second round votes is elected mayor of Lewisham.

× 1 mayor × 54 councillors

YOU decide



YOUR VOTE × YOUR COMMUNITY × YOUR COUNCIL

Make sure you vote on Thursday 3 May 2018



Ref: 760-2a