CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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COMBINED AUTHORITY

Election of Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Thursday 6th May 2021

The Candidates - What they say - How to vote

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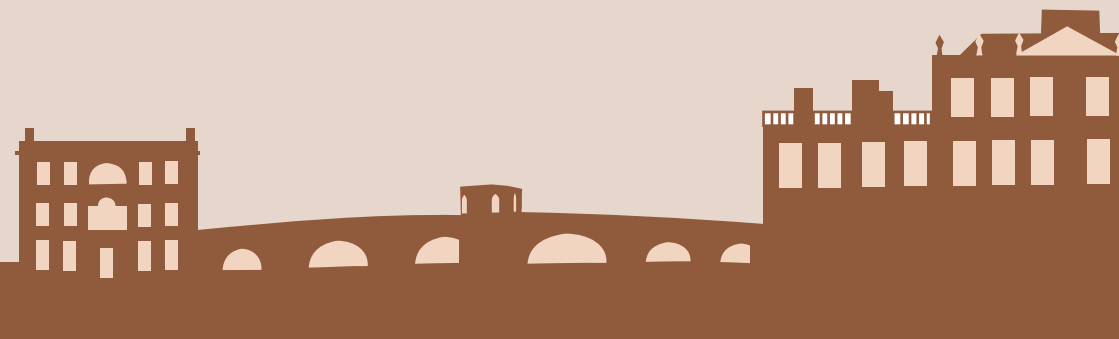

INTRODUCTION

On **Thursday 6 May 2021** electors across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

An elected Mayor is different from a traditional, ceremonial Mayor or a Council Leader. The Mayor is elected by the people, whereas ceremonial Mayors and Council Leaders are elected by fellow Councillors.

The Mayor will be responsible for leading the Combined Authority, building investor confidence and directing new resources to economic priorities. He or she will ensure a quicker and more effective response to local issues, ensure more targeted use of funding, and develop new financial mechanisms to encourage new private sector investment. They will be a powerful voice for the Combined Authority, locally, nationally and internationally.

This booklet must be sent to you as an individual elector by law. It includes information about the election and has in it an election address from each of the Mayoral candidates who wish to be included.

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.

John Hill
Combined Authority Returning Officer

THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Nik Johnson
Labour and Co-Operative Party

James Philip Palmer
The Conservative Party Candidate

Aidan Thomas Van de Weyer
Liberal Democrats

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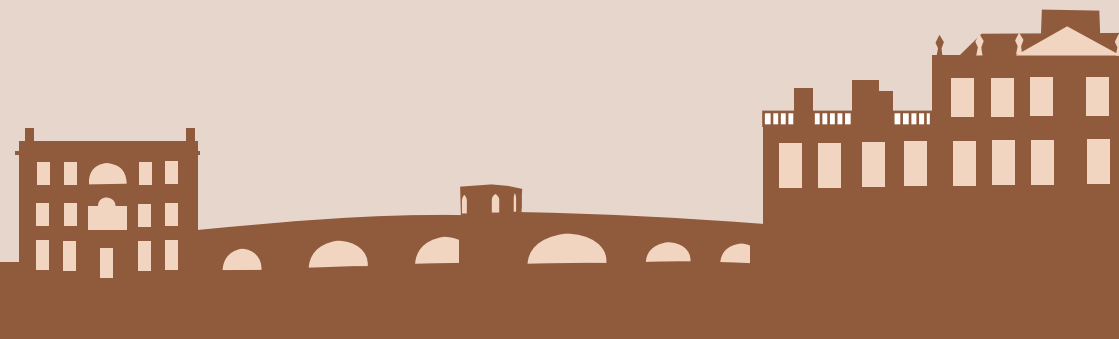


VOTING

How to Vote

If you are a registered elector for Cambridge City Council you will receive four ballot papers.

One is for the City Council Elections, in which you can vote for up to three candidates.

One is for the County Council Elections, in which you can vote for one candidate.

One is for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, where you have two votes.

One is for the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections, where you have two votes.

If you are a registered elector for East Cambridgeshire District Council you will receive three ballot papers.

One is for the County Council Elections, in which you will have one vote as stated on your ballot paper.

One is for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, where you have two votes.

One is for the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections, where you have two votes.

You may also receive additional ballot papers as there is one Parish By-Election taking place.

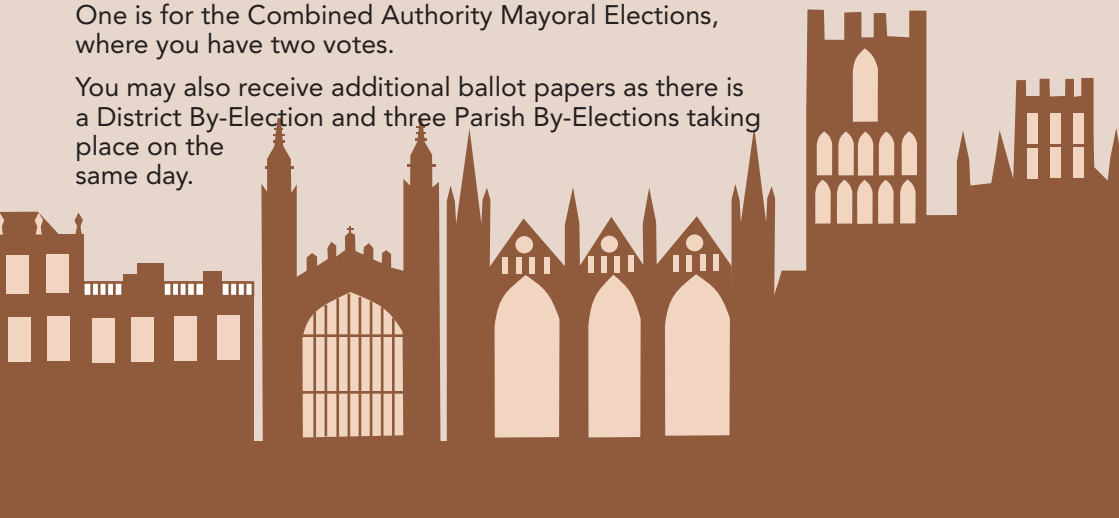
If you are a registered elector for Fenland District Council you will receive three ballot papers

One is for the County Council Elections, in which you will have one or more votes as stated on your ballot paper.

One is for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, where you have two votes.

One is for the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections, where you have two votes.

You may also receive additional ballot papers as there is a District By-Election and three Parish By-Elections taking place on the same day.



If you are a registered elector for Huntingdonshire District Council you will receive three ballot papers.

One is for the County Council Elections, in which you will have one or more votes as stated on your ballot paper.

One is for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, where you have two votes.

One is for the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections, where you have two votes.

You may also receive additional ballot papers as there are four District By-Elections, one Town/Parish By-Election and two Neighbourhood Planning Referendums taking place on the same day.

If you are a registered elector for Peterborough City Council you will receive three ballot papers.

One is for the Local City Elections, in which you will have one or more votes as stated on your ballot paper.

One is for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, where you have two votes.

One is for the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections, where you have two votes.

You may also receive a Parish Election ballot paper if contested in your area.

You may also receive additional ballot papers as there are two Parish By-Elections and one Neighbourhood Planning Referendum taking place on the same day.

If you are a registered elector for South Cambridgeshire District Council you will receive three ballot papers.

One is for the County Council Elections, in which you will have one or more votes as stated on your ballot paper.

One is for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, where you have two votes.

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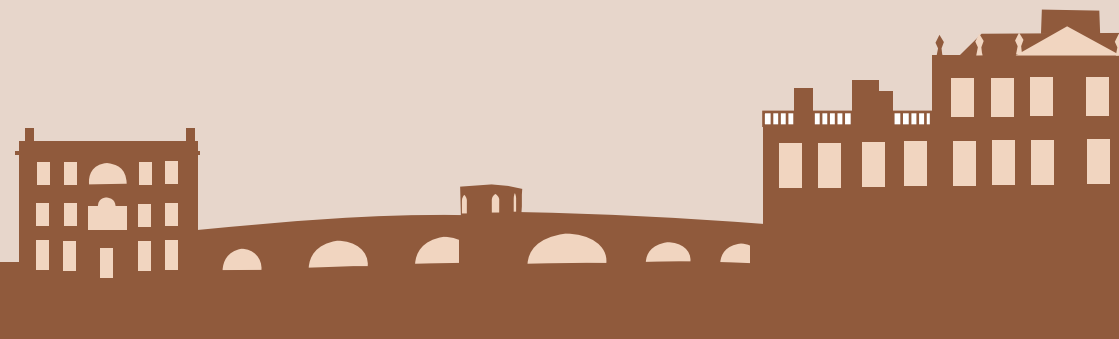


The County Council Election Ballot Paper will be **SALMON**

The Police & Crime Commissioner Election ballot paper will be **CREAM/BUFF**

The Mayoral Ballot Paper Will be **WHITE**

Cambridge City Elections ballot paper will be **GREY**

Peterborough City Elections ballot paper will be **GREEN**

Peterborough Parish Elections ballot paper will be **YELLOW**

Huntingdonshire's District By-Elections ballot papers will be **GREEN**

Huntingdonshire's Parish By-Election ballot paper will be **YELLOW**

Huntingdonshire's NPR ballot paper will be **GREY**

Fenland's District By-Election ballot paper will be **GREEN**

Fenland's Parish By-Election ballot paper will be **YELLOW**

South Cambridgeshire's District By-Elections ballot papers will be **GREEN**

South Cambridgeshire's Parish By-Elections ballot paper will be **YELLOW**

South Cambridgeshire's NPR ballot paper will be **GREY**

East Cambridgeshire Parish By-Election ballot paper will be **YELLOW**

You can have two votes on the Mayoral ballot paper, one for your first choice candidate and one, if you wish, for your second choice candidate, (see across/over 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.

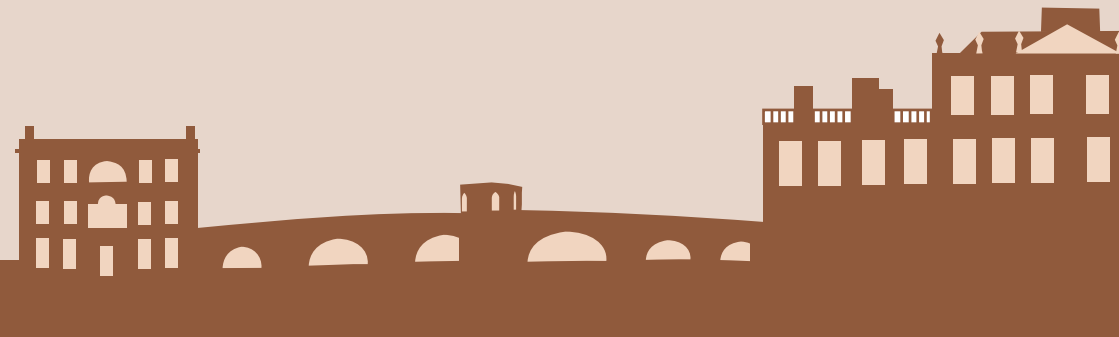
Ballot for
Mayor of Cambridgeshire
and Peterborough
Combined Authority

Vote once (X) in column A for your first choice

Vote once (X) in column B for your second choice

	Column A first choice	Column B second choice
Candidate A		
Candidate B	X	
Candidate C		
Candidate D		X
Candidate E		
Candidate F		
Candidate G		

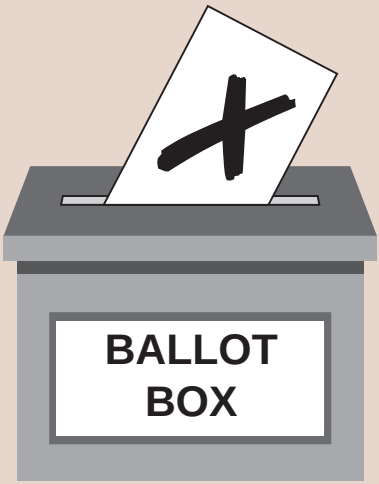
If you vote twice for the same candidate, your second vote will not be counted.



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 Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- 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 Elected Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.



Q & A

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 Mayor. This is the same process that you will use to elect your Police and Crime Commissioner. For Local Elections, please ensure that you read the information printed on your ballot paper(s) before casting your vote.

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

Your first choice vote will still be counted.

4. 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 and 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 only mark your votes with an X.

7. With the PCC Elections being held on the same day do I vote the same way for that as well?

For the PCC Elections you will vote in the same way as the Mayoral Election.

8. With the Local Elections being held on the same day do I vote the same way for that as well?

For the Local Elections, vote for one or more candidates as stated on your ballot paper by marking an X next to the candidate(s) you wish to vote for.

9. I have an enquiry about this election, who should I contact?
If your question is about how the election is being organised, please contact Electoral Services (contact details are shown at the end of this booklet).

10. 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/has been delivered separately.

11. Why has every voter in the household been sent a booklet? It seems a waste of money.
The law says that everyone registered must be sent their own copy so that they get a chance to see one.

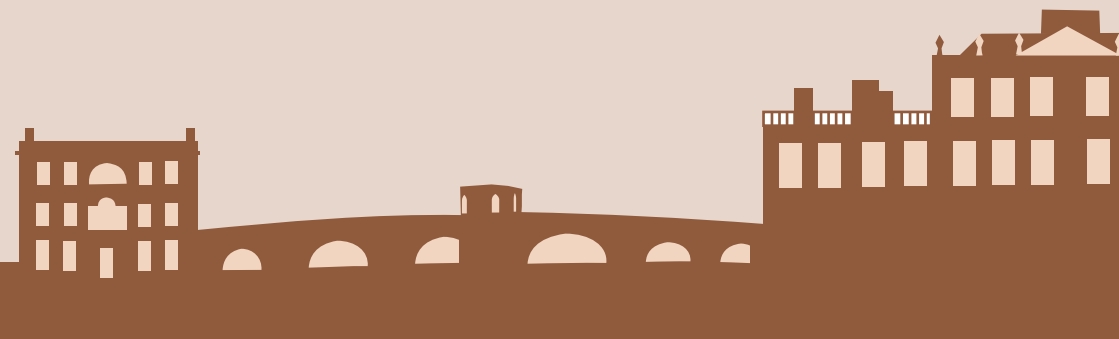
12. I have lost my poll card. Can you send me another one?
You do not need your poll card to vote, so another won't be sent. The poll card is just to inform you that there is an election and to provide you with other information such as where your polling station is situated. If you are not sure where your polling station is, you can either check your local authority website or contact Electoral Services (contact details are shown at the end of this booklet) and they will assist you.

13. I have not received any information on the candidates standing in the other elections.
Through this booklet you have received information on the Mayoral Candidates, as we are required to send this to you by law. For Local Elections there is no requirement to send this information. For Local Elections, it is the decision and responsibility of the candidate or their agent if they want to provide/send out further information to you.

14. For information on who is standing for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.
Go to: www.choosemypcc.org.uk or you can call 0808 196 2170.

POSTAL VOTERS

If you are a postal voter, please ensure that your completed postal ballot papers are returned as soon as possible**. If you have not received your postal ballot paper by Thursday 29th April 2021, call the Elections helpline on your poll card**. 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

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Aidan Van de Weyer for Mayor

Liberal Democrats

About Aidan

- Grew up in Hunts and went to state school in Cambridge
- Lives with his family in South Cambs
- Experienced local leader

This page has been produced for Aidan Van de Weyer, the Liberal Democrat candidate, of 9 Orwell Terrace, Barrington, Cambridge CB22 7SG by his election agent, Kevin Wilkins, 55a Market Street, Ely CB7 4LP.

This area badly needs a *new* Mayor

Aidan's top priorities

A Mayor who shares your values

Protecting our environment

- High environmental standards for housing
- A realistic mass rapid transit system and a better bus service across the whole area
- Better, safer routes for cyclists and pedestrians

Making society fairer

- More homes that are genuinely affordable
- Secure long-term rental agreements to make renting less perilous
- Helping small businesses through the pandemic

A better future for young people

- Boosting apprenticeships and better access to post-16 education and training
- Green recovery and skilled long-term jobs
- Making sure Peterborough University is attractive and adds to the success of the city

We want our money back!

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough have just lost £45 million for affordable homes and Mayor Aidan would try to get it back

Aidan gets things done

- Launched first electric buses in Cambridgeshire
- Doubled the number of council houses being built in South Cambs
- Approved miles of cycle routes
- Set up a citizen's assembly on future transport
- Created an apprenticeship brokerage service
- Campaigned to protect green spaces

"If I am elected Mayor, I will put *residents* first, not my friends"

AIDAN VAN DE WEYER 1

for a greener, fairer Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

The Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is responsible for economic growth. This means new homes, improving transport infrastructure and investing in jobs and skills. It's about using local expertise, and the opportunity to apply new solutions to old problems. As Mayor, James Palmer has been focussed on getting things done, delivering on the people's priorities across the region.

What Mayor Palmer has done:

- Created £100K Homes - 1-bedroom properties for local working people to buy and own outright for £100,000. The first homes are already being built in Fordham, Great Abington and Cambridge.
- Helped 12 local communities to create Community Land Trusts, giving them control over housing development in their area.
- Demonstrated through the Revolving Loan Fund how we can encourage house building at no cost to the taxpayer.
- Rebuilt Soham train station 12 months ahead of schedule.
- Invested millions into Whittlesea, March & Manea train stations.
- Accelerated completion of roadworks at the Ely South bypass, King's Dyke & Lancaster Way.
- £13m invested for the strengthening of Cambridgeshire Market Towns.
- Built the jobs-focussed ARU Peterborough, with the first students due to start courses at the new university in 2022.
- Refocussed the Adult Education Budget on vocational skills in our lower employment areas.
- Saved over 500 jobs and created nearly 300 new ones by investing £6m into businesses affected by Covid-19.

Vote James Pal

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Conservatives www.jamespalmer4mayor.co.uk

What James Palmer will do if re-elected:

- £100K Homes in every district and every city in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- Work with Government to build a new station at Cambridge South, connected to local transport networks.
- Help any community who wants to set up a Community Land Trust to do so.
- Dual the A10 and A47.
- Grow the University of Peterborough, creating more employment & training opportunities for young people in our region.
- Taking inspiration from the building societies of 150 years ago, look at new models to deliver affordable housing at scale to deal with the housing crisis.
- Streamlining local government by scrapping the GCP and refocussing the Cambridge City Deal on innovative transport solutions the people of South Cambridgeshire want.
- Developing the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro into a world class reliable public transport system for the post-Covid world, connecting new homes, jobs and communities.

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vering for you...

This statement has been prepared by the candidate's Election Agent, Mrs D N Clark, Walsingham Chambers, Butchers Row, Ely, Cambs CB7 4NA on behalf of the candidate, James Palmer of 138 The Butts, Soham, Cambs CB7 5AW

DR NIK JOHNSON
Leading our recovery

GETTING TO KNOW LABOUR'S DR NIK JOHNSON

Why did you get involved in politics? I'm an NHS children's doctor at Hinchingbrooke Hospital. I got involved in the campaign to save the hospital. I have an unwavering commitment to public service.

Were do you live? I live on the outskirts of St Neots with my wife, Donna, and our three children who go to local schools.

What experience do you have to be our Mayor? I've worked right across the county, I'm a councillor and my experience from 30 years as a doctor makes me the right person to lead our public health and economic recovery.

Prepared by David Jermy at Alex Wood Hall, Norfolk Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LD on behalf of

Vote Labour

Dr Nik Johnson - Just what the doctor ordered

Working on the frontline during the Covid pandemic for the past year has given Dr Nik an insight into the true toll it has taken on our communities - and a desire to lead our recovery, build more social housing and improve transport.

He says: "I'm standing on a manifesto of compassion, co-operation and community. It's also time for change."

Jobs. I'll champion good quality jobs, support the drive towards a greener economy, improve skills and boost apprenticeships.

Housing: I'll ensure we build the homes we need - more social and affordable housing.

Key Workers: I'll stand up tirelessly for the NHS and all key workers.

Climate Change: I'll champion new ways to prevent flooding, protect our chalk streams and put the green recovery to the fore.

Transport: As commuter patterns change I'll back high quality, greener public

JOBS JOBS JOBS

Nik Johnson at 15 Crow Street, Great Gransden, St Neots, SG19 3AZ

www.drnikjohnson.co.uk

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The Elections helpline on 01353 665555

Visit: www.chooseyourmayor.org

Email: elections@eastcambs.gov.uk

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