GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTION – 1st MAY 2025 CANDIDATE ADDRESS BOOKLET FAOS

Why are you sending us this? / Why don't we get a booklet for other elections?

This is a legal requirement for Combined County Authority elections. According to the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Election) Order 2017 (hereafter shortened to CAM Order) the Combined County Authority Returning Officer for the election must produce a booklet with the election addresses of all candidates who have contributed to the cost of production and submitted a valid election address by the close of nominations (i.e. by 4pm on the nineteenth working day before the poll).

See Paragraph 5(1), Schedule 5, Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (CAM Order 2017). The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017

How many copies are being sent out?

One booklet is required to be sent out to every eligible elector in the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority area. For this election, the number of eligible voters on 1 March 2025 was 826,650.

Why has every elector got a copy? / Why are we receiving more than one in our house

It is a legal requirement for one booklet to be sent out to every eligible elector in the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority area. See Article 8 and paragraph 7(1), Schedule 5, CAM Order 2017. The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017

Why do postal voters get a copy first and those voting in person later?

This is to make sure that those voting by post have access to the booklet before they vote. With postal votes being sent out prior to polling day the booklets need sending to these electors first.

Why have I received a copy and my next-door neighbour/mum/friend etc hasn't?

All registered electors should receive a booklet before the election. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming election is midnight on 11th April 2025. It takes just five minutes to apply online at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

I haven't had my copy delivered yet, where can I find the booklet?

You can view a copy of the booklet online at www.nelincs.gov.uk/glccamayorelection or https://greaterlincolnshire-cca.gov.uk/about-1/mayoral-elections

You can also request a copy of the booklet by contacting your Local Authority.

Who pays for the booklet?

Candidates who appear in the booklet have contributed to the cost of printing and producing the booklet (£3,500 each). The contribution is the same for each candidate. Every candidate has had the same opportunity to pay to have an address in the booklet.

The remaining cost for the printing and distribution (including postage cost) of the booklet is paid for by the Combined County Authority.

See Article 8, CAM Order 2017. <u>The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order</u> 2017

How much did it cost?

It is a legal requirement to print and deliver one copy of the booklet to every eligible voter. We are currently awaiting the final bill from the print company to be able to provide this information.

Candidates

Are all the candidates included in the booklet?

Candidates who appear in the booklet have contributed £3500 to the cost of printing the booklet. The contribution is the same for each candidate

How did we pick the order of the candidates in the booklet?

It is a legal requirement that the order of the addresses in the booklet must be decided by the Combined County Authority Returning Officer drawing lots. See Paragraph 6(1), Schedule 5, CAM Order 2017. The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017

What will the candidate order be on the ballot paper?

As is normal in elections, all candidates, whether they have an election address in the booklet or not, will be listed by alphabetical order of their surnames on the ballot paper.

Where can I find out more?

Link to Electoral Commission Guidance: <u>Production and delivery of the booklet |</u> <u>Electoral Commission</u>

Link to Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order: <u>The Combined Authorities</u> (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017