Combined Authority Mayoral Election Practice Ballot Paper

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Understanding this ballot paper

A ballot paper is a form that people fill out to show their choice about important things.

This ballot paper is for you to choose who you want to be the next Mayor of your Combined Authority.

A Combined Authority is when 2 or more different cities or areas work together to make shared decisions about how things are run. A Combined Authority’s Mayor leads the areas which have agreed to work together.

The Mayor of a Combined Authority decides lots of things which affect the everyday lives of many local people such as transport, housing, policing and social care.
There is a box below the title. This box tells you how to vote on the ballot paper by marking an X next to the person you want to choose. You are allowed to choose 2 people.

Below this box are the names of the people who want to be the next Mayor of your Combined Authority. Next to their name it shows you what political party they agree with.

A political party is a group of ordinary people who join together because they have similar ideas about how they want to help people.

To make your vote, you must put an X in the 1st column to tell us who you most want to be Mayor of your Combined Authority. If you like 2 people, put an X in the 2nd column to show us who your second choice is. You do not have to choose 2 people.
Once you have made your choice, you must fold the ballot paper form up and post it in the ballot box. There will be people to show you where this is if you need help.

All the ballot papers get counted and the person who gets the most votes will become the next Mayor of your Combined Authority.

Below, you can practice filling out a pretend ballot paper.