Suggested examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific election rules. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Returning Officer.

References are to The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017. Rule references should be read, in respect of a second preference vote, with Rule 52(3) for local authority mayoral elections and Rule 55(3) for combined authority mayoral elections.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Election of the Mayor for (insert name of authority)</th>
<th>Election of the Mayor for (insert name of authority)</th>
<th>Election of the Mayor for (insert name of authority)</th>
<th>Election of the Mayor for (insert name of authority)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 1 for your first choice, and</td>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 1 for your first choice, and</td>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 1 for your first choice, and</td>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 1 for your first choice, and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 2 for your second choice</td>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 2 for your second choice</td>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 2 for your second choice</td>
<td>Vote once ☒ in column 2 for your second choice</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Allow for Grey as first preference and Miller as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and combined authority mayoral (CAM) Rule 51(2)(a) – vote marked elsewhere than in proper place.

- **Allow for Boots as first preference and Williams as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross.

- **Allow for Boots as first preference and Hodd as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place and otherwise than by means of a cross.

- **Allow for Grey as first preference and Boots as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross (in relation to the second preference vote).

- **Allow for Boots as first preference and Hodd as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place (in relation to the first preference vote) and otherwise than by means of a cross.

- **Allow for Boots as first preference and Miller as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross (in relation to the second preference vote).

- **Allow for Hodd as first preference and Miller as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place (in relation to the first preference vote).

- **Allow for Hodd as first preference and Grey as second preference.** Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross (in relation to the second preference vote).
Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

Reject. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and combined authority mayoral (CAM) Rule 51(1)(b) – more than one first preference given.

Reject. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) (c) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b) – voter can be identified.

Reject. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) (48(1)(d)) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d) – void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote.

Reject. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d) – ballot papers unmarked.

Reject. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d) – vote given to second preference of an unregistered candidate.

Reject. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d) – void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote. In this example, the inclusion of the candidate’s name “Hood” next to the cross against Grey casts doubt over who the voter intended to vote for as a first preference. As a result, no first preference vote is clearly apparent.

References are to The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017. Rule references should be read, in respect of a second preference vote, with Rule 52(3) for local authority mayoral elections and Rule 55(3) for combined authority mayoral elections.

Suggested examples of rejected votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific election rules. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Returning Officer.