

# **Election of the Mayor for the London Borough of Croydon**

**5 May 2022**

**Information about the  
election and statements  
from candidates**



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## Introduction

A referendum was held in October 2021 where the voters of Croydon were asked to decide how they would like the borough to be represented. The question asked was – whether the existing model of leader and cabinet should be maintained or a new model of an elected mayor be introduced.

The voters of Croydon chose the new model of governance – of an elected mayor. 47,165 electors voted in favour of having an elected mayor with 11,519 voting to maintain the existing model of leader and cabinet.

**On Thursday 5 May 2022 you have the chance to vote for the candidate you wish to be Croydon’s first elected mayor.**

The elected mayor will provide leadership and direction for the borough and the council. They will be accountable for council policy and council services.

They will have a mandate to represent the whole borough and will speak on its behalf locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

There are **8** candidates standing for election. The candidates will be listed on the ballot paper in alphabetical order. A sample ballot paper is shown on page 6.

The rules for running a Mayoral election require the Returning Officer to send every voter registered to vote in this election a copy of this booklet. All the candidates were able to choose whether they wished to have their statement included.

The order in which their statements appear in this booklet was determined by the drawing of lots. The content of each statement is the responsibility of the candidate. The views expressed cannot be attributed to the Returning Officer or Croydon Council.

This booklet also includes information regarding the election, including how to cast your votes – please remember you have a first and second choice vote for candidates in the mayoral election.

Please do take a look at **[www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022)** where there is a lot of information about the election and the role and responsibilities of an elected Mayor.

On Thursday 5 May 2022, the election of the 70 ward councillors will also take place, so you will receive a second (yellow) ballot paper for this election when you vote. You will be able to vote for the number of candidates who represent your local area (ward). A full list of candidates can also be found at **[www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022)**






If you have any queries please contact Electoral Services on **0300 373 0595** or email **[electoral.services@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@croydon.gov.uk)**

**Katherine Kerswell**  
**Returning Officer and Chief Executive of Croydon Council**

**Sample Ballot Paper**

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

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
<b>HOWARD, Richard Michael</b> Liberal Democrats		
<b>LONDON, Farah</b> Taking the Initiative Party of Britain		
<b>MCKENZIE, Winston Truman</b> Independent		
<b>PALMER, Gavin Francis Luffa</b> Independent		
<b>PELLING, Andrew John</b> Independent		
<b>PERRY, Jason Stephen</b> Local Conservatives		
<b>SHAWCROSS, Val</b> Labour and Co-operative Party		
<b>UNDERWOOD, Peter</b> Green Party		

## Who can vote?

To vote in the elections on 5 May, you must be included in the Croydon electoral register on the date of the election. The deadline to register to vote is **14 April 2022**.

All registered British, Commonwealth and European Union citizens will be entitled to vote.

You must be 18 years of age on or before 5 May 2022.

## How to cast your votes

The Mayoral ballot paper is white and will list all the candidates standing in alphabetical order. Next to the list of candidates will be two columns.

You will have two votes. Vote once in column one for your **first choice** candidate and once in column two for your **second choice** candidate.

If you vote more than once in either column your vote will not be counted.

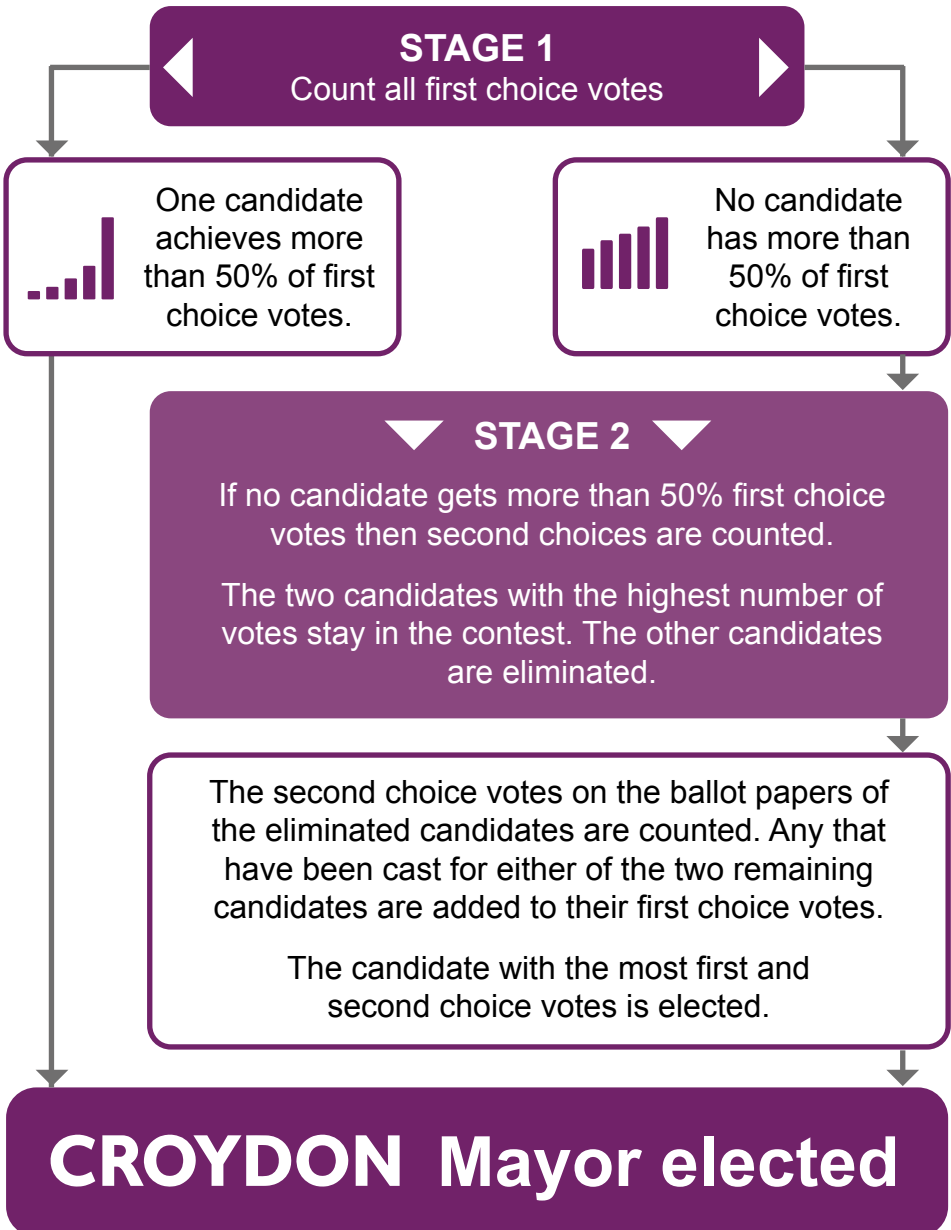
You do not have to vote for a second choice candidate, but you must cast a first choice vote in column one. If you leave the column one blank your vote will not be counted.

If you do not vote in column two, your first choice will still be counted. However, if you vote for the same candidate twice, your second choice vote will not be counted.

The section on how the votes are counted on page 8 explains how the first and second choice votes work.

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## How the votes are counted

If a candidate gets more than 50% of first-choice votes then they are elected as mayor.

If nobody gets more than 50% of first-choice votes, then the second-choice votes are counted. The two candidates with the highest number of votes stay in the contest. The other candidates are eliminated.

The second-choice votes on the ballot papers of the eliminated candidates are counted. Any that have been cast for one of the remaining candidates are added to their first-choice votes. The candidate with most votes after this is elected as mayor.

## Candidate statements

**Statements from candidates appear in the following order:**

Gavin Francis Luffa Palmer	Independent
Farah London	Taking the Initiative Party of Britain
Peter Underwood	Green Party
Richard Michael Howard	Liberal Democrats
Jason Stephen Perry	Local Conservatives
Andrew John Pelling	Independent
Val Shawcross	Labour and Co-operative Party
Winston Truman McKenzie	Independent

The order of the candidate statements was drawn by lots.

# VOTE FOR CROYDON



**THE 2 PARTY SYSTEM IS  
BROKEN IN CROYDON.**

***VOTE FOR A NEW, INDEPENDENT,  
CLEAN MAYOR TO SORT IT ALL OUT***

## **Why choose Gavin Palmer?**

Independent, self financed, talented, caring, born and bred Croydonian. Gavin has had enough of failed party politics, 'the only way to cure Croydon is by having an Independent Mayor.'

## **'High achiever'**

Dr Rahim

## **'Superb analytical mind'**

Prof Turner Exeter University

**30 years in Corporate Governance  
as a volunteer – dedicated &  
ethical**

**Inclusive cabinet of all parties  
& talent.**

**Job creator, money creator,  
money saver.**

**Long history of standing up to  
tough opponents and for good  
rule and improvements.**

**Endorsed by retired magistrate,  
ex Goldman Sachs banker, barber,  
black cab taxi driver, clean  
ethical honest, proven creative  
problem solver.**

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**Facebook:**

**Gavin Palmer - Mayor of Croydon 2022**



# VOTE FOR AN INDEPENDENT MAYOR

with your 1st pref and 2nd pref choice votes

**GAVIN BRINGS TRANSPARENCY,  
HONESTY AND  
PROFESSIONALISM TO ALL  
THATS NOT WORKING IN  
CROYDON.**



**GAVIN PALMER**  
As Croydon deserves better...

## CROYDON GETS BETTER!

### PROJECT NAMES:

- **DOMESTOS**
- **CIT CROYDON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**
- **SENSE AND SENSIBILTY**
- **A FREE PARKING DAY**
- **CENTRAL PARK SQUARE**
- **CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY**
- **LEVELLING UP, WALK TO WORK AND WEALTH**



**FOR HEALTH,  
WEALTH,  
PEACE &  
HAPPINESS  
IN CROYDON**

## VOTE FOR PALMER

	Column A first choice	Column B second choice
PALMER, GAVIN Francis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Croydon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PELL, UNDER, LON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# VOTE FARAH LONDON

## VOTE TAKING THE INITIATIVE PARTY

CROYDON LOCAL COUNCIL AND MAYORAL ELECTION 5TH MAY 2022



*"As your next Mayor, I will deliver a practical economic recovery plan and a safer Croydon for all, that celebrates community diversity and puts money back into residents' pockets. As Mayor of Croydon, I have a plan that will bring investment into the borough and drive the creation of new and high value jobs. Importantly, this plan will allow Croydon to prosper and our communities to thrive as they once again look forward to a positive future."*

### Farah London promises to

- Hold councillors accountable for their wards and roles.
- Create more job opportunities throughout the borough.
- Introduce Free Counselling in Schools and Colleges.
- Make Croydon a world leading Tech City.
- Introduce paid environmental work for the homeless community, including collecting plastics and landscaping.
- Open the shopping centre Croydon deserves, with free parking and a dedicated food court.

Farah London is Taking the Initiative Party's candidate for the Croydon mayoral elections, with a team of several candidates who are put forward for local council seats across Croydon. If you want to see positive change, **vote Farah London and vote Taking the Initiative Party on 5th May. Croydon deserves better.**





# TAKING THE INITIATIVE PARTY

FOR THE POLITICALLY HOMELESS



## 5TH MAY 2022 VOTE FARAH LONDON BORN AND BRED IN CROYDON FOR CROYDON MAYOR

### "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! CROYDON DESERVES BETTER." As Mayor of Croydon I Will

- Reduce council tax through proper management of finances and put money back into residents' pockets.
- Fully Restructure the Council to Eliminate Corruption.
- Bring Investment and new business into Croydon to ignite a thriving economy. It is time to put an end to the bankruptcy of Croydon.
- Open Free Youth Academies.
- Put neglected and redundant buildings in Croydon back in use.
- Open centres for women for empowerment, training, mental well-being and safety.
- Introduce indoor farming in Croydon.
- Remove LTNs and ANPRs and Reopen Roads.
- Earn Croydon City status.
- Make Croydon the first eco friendly city in the UK. I want to build a cleaner, greener Croydon.
- Introduce Free Counselling in Schools and Colleges.
- Bring the West End to Croydon, with leading theatre productions.
- Make Croydon safer; addressing violence on women, theft and youth violence.
- Introduce a rent to buy scheme where monthly rent turns into equity.
- Introduce Tech Croydon; the centre for Tech in the UK and Europe.
- Drive community led policies for the most vulnerable, including those with disabilities and the elderly.



**VOTE FARAH LONDON. VOTE TAKING THE INITIATIVE PARTY**  
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**EMAIL: INFO@THEINITIATIVEPARTY.ORG.UK**  
**SCAN QR CODE TO READ FARAH'S MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE**



Green  
Party

# PETER UNDERWOOD



“Electing me as your Mayor won’t just mean different policies – it will mean a **different way of doing politics.**”

My aim is to **give power back to you**, not govern over you. I want you to be involved in creating solutions to the problems that affect your life. Decisions should be made by the community and for the community.

I will use my skills and experience to sort out Croydon Council and get the **Council working for you.** I will ensure that every department of the Council is focused on **making Croydon happier.**

We have all suffered for too long under the old parties with their stale old politics. You know you deserve better than that. So I am asking you to put me as your first choice for Mayor. **It’s time for a fresh Green start.”**

**Give power back  
to you**

**A Council working  
for you**

**Making Croydon  
happier**

1<sup>st</sup> choice 2<sup>nd</sup> choice

**PETER UNDERWOOD**



**A FRESH GREEN START**

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## GIVE POWER BACK TO YOU

Peter is committed to talking and working with Croydon residents all year round, not just at election times. Peter will hold public mayoral meetings and genuine consultations so everyone can have a real say in the decisions that are made. He will insist on more sharing of information and documents, so you can see and question everything that goes on.



## A COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOU

Peter has studied and worked in business administration for years. He has the skills to get the Council back on track. For too long it's felt like the Council has only worked for overpaid executives and incompetent politicians. The Council has been left in a dreadful state so Peter isn't promising miracles. But he will get the Council working and working for you.

## MAKING CROYDON HAPPIER

Politics should make people's lives better. Nice places for children to play, well maintained parks, and clean streets. Feeling safe walking to school, cycling to work, or enjoying a night out. Everyone fulfilling their potential in jobs, the arts, or improving their area. All of this can be summed up in Peter's number one aim - to make Croydon happier.



# CROYDON DESERVES BETTER



**Richard Howard**  
for Mayor of Croydon



**Find out more: [www.croydonlibdems.org](http://www.croydonlibdems.org)**

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Liberal  
Democrats





# Croydon is my home

I live in Croydon with my family, having served in the British Army for nearly 19 years and retiring as a Major in 2015.

Since then, I have worked in financial services and run my own business helping people to plan their personal finances.

Under Labour, Croydon Council went bust and our residents are suffering from a cost of living crisis caused by the Conservative Government.

**Croydon needs a Lib Dem Mayor to fix the Council's problems, sort out the town centre and make life better for local people.**



## My priorities for Croydon

- 1 Fix Croydon's finances:** I would appoint forensic accountants to investigate Croydon's bankruptcy and the scandal over the Fairfield Halls refurb. Never again should Croydon residents foot the bill for payoffs for failure.
- 2 End the housing scandal:** Croydon's council housing service was shamed on national TV and its housebuilding programme bankrupted the Council. I will ensure council tenants have decent homes to live in, whilst making sure that new developments are the right homes in the right places.
- 3 Power to the people:** As Mayor, I will seek to hand power back to communities by promoting the creation of town and parish councils across the borough to allow local people more of a say in their neighbourhood.
- 4 A greener, cleaner Croydon:** Graffiti is a blight on our borough so I will bring back a rapid response team to tackle it, reversing the recent cuts to this vital service. I will end the neglect of our parks and green spaces, ensuring that more of them achieve Green Flag status.

**On 5<sup>th</sup> May, it has to be**

**Richard HOWARD**



# JASON PERRY

## LISTENING TO CROYDON



VOTE  
FOR  
CHANGE

 Local  
Conservatives

 @CroydonTories  
 fb.me/CllrJPerry

Labour bankrupted Croydon!



### FIX OUR FINANCES

The Labour Council has bankrupted Croydon. I run a local business, so I know how to manage a budget. I will fix our finances by ending reckless property speculation, and winding up Brick by Brick. I will focus on delivering core services, to a good standard, and on-budget.

### CUT CRIME

Crime in Croydon has risen by a third in the last 8 years. I want to end the exclusion pipeline affecting so many young people, by providing a mentor for everybody who is excluded from school. I will also work with the Police to invest in knife wands, to cut down on violent crime.

A march against knife crime



Cleaning up the Council's mess!



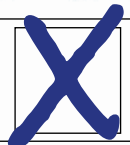
### CLEAN UP CROYDON

I will reinstate the Graffiti Removal Team, which Labour abolished, and ensure a zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping backed up by strict enforcement. I will also manage the bin collection contract better, so that Veolia is charged a penalty whenever it breaks its contract.

VOTE  
FOR  
CHANGE

**PERRY, Jason**

Local Conservatives



## Supporting local businesses



# RESTORE OUR TOWN CENTRE

The Labour Council squandered the Westfield plan. I will convene a Town Centre Recovery Board to utilise local traders' experience, and bring a new regeneration scheme to Croydon. I will create a vibrant, safe town centre, with more jobs and a better cultural offer.

## REFORM PLANNING

I will immediately take steps to drop Labour's Design Guide, which has brought so much inappropriate development to Croydon. I want to build sustainable homes - including Council homes - for families to live in. I will protect our green spaces for everybody to enjoy.

## Planning needs to change!



## Regina Road's "slum housing"

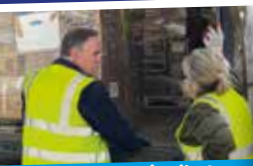


## RESPECT OUR TENANTS

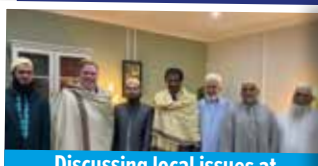
I grew up in a Council house, so I was shocked to see the conditions on Regina Road. One year on, nothing has changed. I will support the Tenants' Charter, and put residents at the heart of our housing service. I will ensure that repairs like leaky pipes are fixed quickly.



Read my policies at [jasonperry.uk/manifesto](https://jasonperry.uk/manifesto)



Helping distribute supplies for Ukrainians



Discussing local issues at South Croydon Mosque



#PalaceForLife!



Discussing Croydon's youth with Jamaica's High Commissioner

*"I used to be a Labour Party Member. But the last 8 years in Croydon have been really hard. They wasted millions on Brick By Brick, bought a hotel that went bust, and now they're raising Council rents by 4.1% - have they even seen the appalling conditions they force us to live in? I'm supporting Jason Perry in this election, because we desperately need change and he will deliver it!"*

**Adele Benson (New Addington)**



# I WILL SERVE THE PEOPLE NOT A POLITICAL PARTY

**Croydon's experienced INDEPENDENT candidate**

## **It's time for change at the council after Labour "misaid" £193 million of your money.**

All my political career has been about **Putting Croydon First**. I have served Croydon as an MP, as a London Assembly Member and as a councillor. In those roles, I helped deliver the BRIT School and the Coulsdon by-pass.

For the past eight years I have represented Waddon, where I have been a whistle blower on the council as Labour crashed the borough's finances with its catastrophic and corrupted governance.

I also have the experience of working in investment banking that has seen the council pension fund grow by £887.1 million with me as the chair of the pension committee, and experience which means I can get overseas investment into Croydon after years of unfulfilled promises from Labour and the Tories.



## **There is an alternative to party politics**

The Conservatives, nationally, are squeezing living standards badly, while locally they offer few ideas on how they'd do things any differently from Labour. External auditors have said that the Tories are part of the problem at Croydon Council.

I offer an experienced alternative to the Croydon Labour Party that bankrupted the council.

## **Use your first preference vote for me as an independent**

In the Mayoral election, you have a first-choice and second preference vote. Use this power to break away from the old red-and-blue party politics that has caused such damage to our borough.

***Please make sure you vote for me -  
THE BEST CANDIDATE, THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE,  
with your first preference.***

Vote **ANDREW PELLING**  
on May 5th for Mayor of Croydon

**PUTTING CROYDON  
FIRST**

Croydon pictured from The Waldrons

**I WORK FOR YOU  
NOT A PARTY**

**My policies include:**

- Use specialist forensic accountants to chase down the council's lost £millions and get justice through the courts, if necessary.
- Get the council to answer their 'phones.
- Hand over planning decisions to local people, through local planning committees.
- Reverse the Labour cut to Council Tax Support.
- Drop Labour's 4.1% hike in council rents.

Visit my website, [puttingcroydonfirst.com](http://puttingcroydonfirst.com), for more, including my **20-POINT RESCUE PLAN FOR CROYDON**.

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**VOTE FOR THE MAN - NOT THE PARTY**

# A NEW DIRECTION FOR CROYDON

## VOTE VAL SHAWCROSS FOR MAYOR



**VALUE FOR MONEY** I'll make a clean break with the financial problems of the past and run a tight ship.



**REGENERATION** I'll bring investment into the town centre and clean up the fly-tipping and graffiti.




**SAFER STREETS** I'll tackle crime head on, create an anti violence task force, and get a grip on anti-social behaviour.



**JOB AND OPPORTUNITIES** I'll help create new opportunities for young people Borough-wide.



**THE RIGHT HOMES IN THE RIGHT PLACES** I have a new plan for good family homes where needed, but not at the expense of overdevelopment or our green spaces.



*I have lived in the borough for 37 years, led Croydon in the 1990s, and delivered Tramlink. I've worked at the heart of London Government where I led the Fire Brigade and became Deputy Mayor of London.*

*I will run a good Council, providing decent services, and ensure that residents, tenants, and businesses are treated with respect. I have the expertise and experience Croydon needs to move forward.*

*Val Shawcross*



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# His Excellency, Ambassador, Dr. WINSTON MCKENZIE

## (INDEPENDENT Candidate for MAYOR OF CROYDON)



I have, over recent months, given serious thought to the Financial situation in Croydon, and how to invigorate our Bankrupt Borough, my home town for the past 60 years. My commitment to local issues has always been profound and dignified, recorded in Croydon's history, from Boxing, the initiation of the Croydon Youth Games, and youth projects.

To this end, I arrived at the **dynamic concept of a new Commonwealth Agenda**. The Commonwealth—A Burgeoning sleeping giant, with 'ease of doing business with'. The introduction of **"NEW MONEY"** to Croydon is vital at this time. My innovative Agenda, in terms of finance, has been assessed 'a project worth doing'. The re-financing of our Borough through this **Commonwealth Agenda** will bring hope & prosperity to many.



My recent appointment as a United Nations Peace Ambassador has given great access to International entrepreneurial businessmen, the movers & shakers of this world. His Eminence, Prof. Dr. Madhu Krishan, the Christian, United Nations—Chairman of India, flew in especially for my Trade Delegation, the 1st of several pledged **United Nations /Commonwealth Trade Delegations who arrived in the Borough in March**, Entrepreneurs and Commonwealth Delegates with financial clout, to build common ground between the Commonwealth & Great Britain thus opening new channels for the Import /Export of produce, goods, trade and industry. My **Commonwealth Holistic Agricultural Agenda** will set the pace for the regeneration of our Borough. I am a Christian Businessman.



Commercial Business Sponsors—are backing this new innovative scheme for Croydon, pledging millions for the **Regeneration of our Borough**. This will provide jobs, housing, security and all aspects of social life for many.



My new set of **Youth Work Experience Programmes** are commencing in schools, Colleges & After-school clubs, some Projects have already begun. Sponsorship is agreed to facilitate the schemes proposed throughout the year, for our youths, parks & outdoor spaces, etc. A new State-of-the-Art premises is planned for Croydon, housing a **“Music, Film & Dance Academy” which will include IT & Sport**, keeping many students occupied during after-school hours. This Agenda will help eliminate **knife crime**. It is a work-in-progress.

**Care in the Community:** I will build a new **Funded Day Care Community Hub** to include the elderly, infirm & disabled, and much-neglected **Mental Health facilities**. **Respite Care** will be offered as a break for Family Carers, plus half-way house facilities for patients following surgical procedures where no care is available in their place of residence, until fully recovered. **Council Funds: Priority** will be given for **Council houses in urgent need of repair**. **Commercial Enterprise:** Shops & small business funding are priority. Let’s put this **‘Blight of Bankruptcy’** behind us. My new **Regeneration Scheme** is already in progress. I may call upon you for occasional **Volunteering Projects**. My team will cut hedges and **Clean & Green the Borough**.

The Council have already set the Budget for 2022-23. New Expense at this stage must be met with **“NEW MONEY”!!** Croydon’s new financial support will herald from influential, dignified, ambitious, **International Entrepreneurs** supporting the Commonwealth Dream. We thank them.

**I pledge these policies for Croydon**

**New concepts - New jobs - And “NEW MONEY”**

(Costed, financed, approved and sponsored)

**This town needs an enema!**

We will Become a Major Player in Regeneration.

**Your Champ/ 1<sup>st</sup> Choice for Mayor of Croydon**



**VOTE McKENZIE**

[www.McKenzie4MayorofCroydon.co.uk](http://www.McKenzie4MayorofCroydon.co.uk)

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## **Role of the Mayor**

The directly elected Mayor provides leadership and direction to the borough and the Council and has overall responsibility for council policy and the delivery of services.

The elected Mayor has a mandate to represent the whole borough and will speak on its behalf locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. It will be for them to decide how this role will work in practice, within the boundaries set out in the Council's Constitution.

### **The Mayor:**

- sets priorities and policies which are delivered by council officers who make operational decisions and work in partnership with other organisations.
- holds all executive powers but may delegate them to the Cabinet, cabinet committees, individual cabinet members and officers. One of the Mayor's first decisions on being elected to office will be to decide upon a scheme of delegation.
- is involved in the appointment of statutory officers and Corporate Directors in accordance with the constitutional and proportional political party representative requirements of the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee. The statutory officers are the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer), Monitoring Officer, Director of Children's Services, Director of Adult Social Services, Director of Public Health, and Scrutiny Officer.

- will promote, uphold and act in accordance with the Seven Principles of Public Life (the ‘Nolan Principles’), Members’ Code of Conduct and the Protocol on Staff-Councillor Relations.

The Council’s Constitution sets out the Council’s decision-making structures and rules. Work has been undertaken to revise this in readiness for the start of the elected Mayor’s term of office to reflect the role and powers of the elected Mayor. This was agreed by Full Council on 23 March 2022.

### **Appointment of deputy mayor and cabinet**

The elected Mayor must appoint a deputy mayor who acts when they are unable to act. The Mayor must also appoint a cabinet of between 2 and 9 councillors, including the deputy mayor.

The Mayor must decide the portfolios of the cabinet members: the cabinet does not need to be politically balanced.

## Frequently asked questions

### When will the polling stations be open?

Polling stations will be open from **7am - 10pm** on **Thursday 5 May 2022**.

### Where is my polling station?

The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card. We also have an online polling station finder at [www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022)

### I have lost my poll card, can I still vote?

Poll cards are for information – to tell you where your polling station is located and when it will be open. You don't need your poll card to vote.

### Do I need to take ID to the polling station?

You do not need to show ID to vote. You will need to tell polling staff your name and address, they will find you in the electoral register, and give you your ballot papers.

### When will the votes be counted?

The counting of votes will take place in the evening on Friday 6 May and results will be published at [www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022) shortly after they are declared.

### **Why two votes for one Mayor?**

The law states that 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 choice is not in the top two after the first round of counting, and if there is not an outright majority winner at that stage.

### **What happens if I don't make a second choice?**

Your first choice will still be counted.

### **What happens if I only make an X in the second choice column?**

Your vote will not be counted because no one will know who your first choice candidate is.

### **What if I mark an X in the first choice column for more than one candidate?**

Your vote will not be counted. If you wish to vote for two candidates then you must mark an **X** in column 1 for your first choice candidate and also an **X** in column 2 for your second choice candidate.

### **Why has every voter in my household been sent a booklet?**

The law says that every registered voter must be sent their own copy, so they get a chance to see who the candidates are.

### **Do the candidates contribute to the cost of the booklet?**

The law allows for the Returning Officer to require a contribution from candidates towards the cost of printing the booklets. All candidates contributed the same amount.

## **Key dates**

### **Thursday 14 April 2022**

Deadline for registering to vote

### **Tuesday 19 April 2022 (5pm)**

Deadline for postal vote applications

### **Wednesday 20 April 2022**

Postal vote packs start to arrive

### **Tuesday 26 April 2022 (5pm)**

Last date for proxy vote requests – this is where you appoint someone to vote for you

### **Friday 29 April 2022**

Please contact us if you have not received your postal vote

### **Thursday 5 May 2022**

### **Polling Day (7am –10pm)**

### **Friday 6 May 2022**

Votes are counted and results are announced  
([www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections2022))





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