

**NORTH
OF TYNE**



**COMBINED
AUTHORITY**

Election for the Mayor of the
Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside
and Northumberland Combined Authority
2 May 2019



Your guide to the election,
the candidates and how to vote

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Introduction

On 2 May 2019, there will be an election of a Mayor for the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority - referred to as the North of Tyne Combined Authority.

People who are registered to vote in local elections for any of the three constituent councils (Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council and Northumberland County Council) are eligible to vote in this election.

This booklet must be sent to you by law*. It includes:

- Information about the election
- An election address (i.e. a statement) from each of the mayoral candidates who wish to be included in this booklet
- Information on how to fill in your ballot paper and how the result will be calculated
- Frequently asked questions

You can also find out more at **www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk**

Your vote is important in deciding who the future Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority will be.

Pat Ritchie
Combined Authority Returning Officer

*One booklet must be distributed to each registered elector. This booklet has been produced in accordance with the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

The Mayoral candidates

Five candidates are standing for election for the Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority. They will be listed alphabetically on the ballot paper.

The Mayoral candidates are:

John Christopher Appleby

Liberal Democrats

Jamie Driscoll

Labour and Co-operative Party

Charlie Hoult

Conservatives

William Hugh Jackson

UKIP

John McCabe

Independent

Each candidate was given the opportunity to provide an election address to be included in this booklet. All candidates chose to do so and they have each paid £1,500 towards the printing cost of the booklet.

What is the North of Tyne Combined Authority?

The North of Tyne Combined Authority is a new legal body which was set up in November 2018 as part of a devolution deal with central government. In that deal, central government agreed to provide a range of new powers, funding and responsibilities to the North of Tyne Combined Authority.

It is made up of three local councils - Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. Through the Combined Authority they will work even closer together on a shared ambition for a regional economy that benefits everyone. This includes a £600m investment fund over 30 years to support job creation.

The elected mayor and their role

In May 2019 voters across the region of the three local councils will be asked to elect a mayor for the North of Tyne Combined Authority. This booklet sets out information about the role of the elected mayor and the voting process. Each candidate has been given the opportunity to make a contribution to the booklet and to outline their manifestos.

The elected mayor will chair meetings of the North of Tyne Combined Authority Cabinet, which makes the decisions on how the Combined Authority uses its powers and funding. The Cabinet is made up of representatives from the local councils, a non-voting representative from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership and the elected mayor.

In addition, the elected mayor has a number of powers which they can exercise personally, subject to certain requirements. For example, they can designate a mayoral development area and a mayoral development corporation to promote development within that area. The elected mayor will also have powers to compulsorily purchase land for regeneration.

The elected mayor will also act as a champion for the region on a national and international stage.

Whilst the term North of Tyne Combined Authority is used in this booklet and publicity, the formal, legal title of the Combined Authority is the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority. This is the name which will appear on all election materials, including poll cards and ballot papers.

How can I vote?

At your Polling Station

Before 2 May 2019 you should have received a poll card which includes the name and address of your polling station. You can also use the Find my Polling Station function on the election page at www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk to locate your polling station. You do not need to take the poll card with you in order to vote (unless you are an anonymous voter) but it may save time if you do. You can only vote at the polling station stated on this card.

On 2 May 2019 polling stations will be open between 7am and 10pm for you to cast your vote. When you arrive at the polling station you will be asked for your name and address. Staff will check that you are on the electoral register and will give you a ballot paper.

Applying to vote by Post or Proxy

Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by post or appoint someone they trust to vote on their behalf as a proxy.

If you wish to make a new application for a postal vote or to appoint someone to vote on your behalf as a proxy, you may download a form from www.yourvotematters.co.uk or ask your Local Electoral Registration Office to send you the form. Details of the Electoral Registration Offices in the North of Tyne Combined Authority area can be found at the back of this booklet.

Your completed postal vote application form must be received by your Local Electoral Registration Office no later than 5pm on Monday 15 April 2019. If by the time you receive this candidate information booklet the postal vote application deadline has passed, there is still time to appoint someone to vote on your behalf as a proxy. The deadline for new applications for a proxy vote is 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2019.

If you are already registered as a postal voter, your postal vote will be sent to you around 15 April 2019.

When you receive your postal voting pack, please follow the instructions carefully, ensuring that you provide your signature and enter your date of birth on the postal voting statement. The completed ballot paper and postal voting statement should be placed in the return envelope in your pack. You must return your postal vote so that it reaches your Local Electoral Registration Office by 10pm on Thursday 2 May 2019. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at your Local Electoral Registration Office at your local authority or at any polling station in your electoral area before 10pm on Thursday 2 May 2019.

How do I complete my ballot paper?

In the election for the Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority you have two votes – one for a first choice and one for a second choice. You will be given a ballot paper like this:

Mark an X in column A next to the name of the person who is your first choice for the Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority. If you do not vote in this column, your ballot paper will not be counted.

Do not mark more than one X in each column.

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Vote ONCE (X) in Column A for your First Choice
Vote ONCE (X) in Column B for your Second Choice

EXAMPLE ONLY

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Address

Party

Candidate 2

Address

Party

Candidate 3

Address

Party

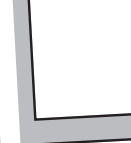
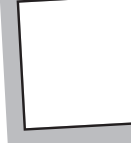
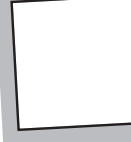
Candidate 4

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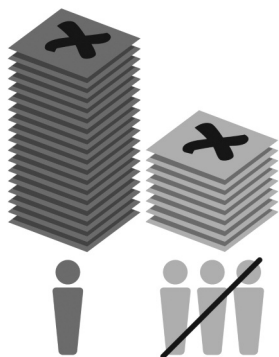
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choice



Mark an X in column B next to the name of the person who would be your second choice for the Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority. If you do not vote in this column, your first choice vote will still be counted. If you vote twice for the same candidate, your second vote will not be counted.

Who is elected?

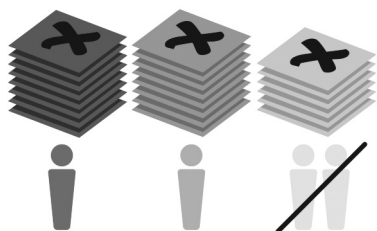
All the first choice votes are counted, and if one candidate has received **more than 50%** of the votes they will be elected Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority.



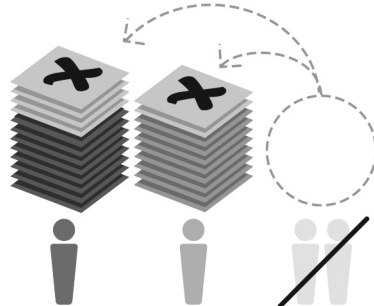
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If no candidate has more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates with the most first choice votes will remain in the election and **all other candidates are eliminated**.



The ballot papers for the **eliminated candidates** are then checked. Any second choice votes for the two remaining candidates are added to their first round totals. The candidate with the most votes wins.



Election for the Mayor of the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority Frequently asked questions

Why are there two votes for one Mayor?

The law states the voting process for the Election for the Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority must be done this way. It also 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.

How do I mark my vote?

Vote ONCE (X) in column A for your first choice.
Vote ONCE (X) in column B for your second choice.

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

Your first choice vote will still be counted.

What happens if I only mark an X in the second choice column (column B)?

Your vote will not be counted because no-one will know who your favourite candidate was.

What if I mark an X in the first choice column (column A) 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 A for your first choice candidate and also an X in column B for your second choice candidate.

I have an enquiry about this election, who do I contact?

If it is about how the election is being organised, please contact your own Electoral Services Office (contact details are shown on the back of this booklet). If it is about the voting system, you should contact your local MP.

I have forgotten to post my postal vote. Can I take it along to the polling station?

Yes, you can hand it into any polling station in your electoral area between 7am and 10pm on election day.



Key dates

12 April

Deadline to register to vote in the Election for the Mayor of the Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority.

15 April

Postal vote packs start to be delivered. If you haven't received your pack by 26 April please contact your local Electoral Registration Office (see the back of this booklet for contact details). We must receive your completed postal vote by 10pm on 2 May for it to be counted.

Last day to submit a **new application** for a postal vote - 5pm.

Last day for **changes to an existing absent vote** (postal or proxy) - 5pm.

24 April

Last day to submit an application to vote by proxy. If you are a registered voter and you wish to apply for a new application to vote by proxy (someone to vote on your behalf) you must do this by 5pm on 24 April.

2 May

Polling day

Polling stations are open between **7am and 10pm** for you to vote in person at your local polling station.

The Candidates

The following pages contain the candidates' addresses for those who wish to be included in this booklet. The content of each election address included in this booklet has been provided by the candidate and the views expressed are theirs alone, and cannot be attributed to the Combined Authority Returning Officer, or any of the constituent Councils. The order in which the addresses appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Authority Returning Officer.



Charlie Hoult

Conservative

We live in a region so proud of our community roots. We all cheer on local families and businesses – performing better than for decades! I'm here as cheerleader to celebrate success!

We need a Mayor who can share this success across **city, coast and country** – to places that need support.

I've done this before in my own **successful business career**, building a firm with 400 staff in London, returning to the family business, Hoult's Yard, Byker, transformed into a thriving office hub, now with 750 people working across 150 tenant firms.

I'm founder of my own tech company, creating 120 jobs. And, I've built an industry group, Dynamo NorthEast, **leading the region's tech sector** on skills. We've identified 4,000 vacancies and are filling them with improved schools, apprentices and



university links. That's how I've started **£100m in new projects for the region** – for instance, working with the Treasury to land the National Innovation Centre for Data at Newcastle University. It opens in 2020.

I'm **not a career politician**: I'm a businessman and campaigner, with a track record of getting stuff done with no fuss. At the heart of my campaign is a pledge to deliver **Projects, not Politics**: real change, with actions not words.

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In March, the region was ranked at **Number 1 in the UK** for tech business growth, above even London. Let's build on that for other sectors: manufacturing, farming, health science, tourism.

As North of Tyne Mayor I will:

- **Build a £600m fund for more local jobs**
- **Back community sports hubs region-wide**
- **Build the right homes tailored to local need**
- **Boost careers advice for every student**
- **Fight for money and choose how to spend it**
- **Oppose the planned Tyne Bridge pollution tax.**

I have the North East running through my veins: born and grew up in Gosforth, I live near Humshaugh in Northumberland with wife Kate, who is an NHS doctor, and four teenage sons.

I'm buzzing about how we can drive the region forward. It's going to take a team effort and a shared vision of how we can make us the **Great North again!**

Vote for me on May 2 – I'll roll up my sleeves and get the job done!

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Hugh Jackson

UK Independence Party

Corbridge born, raised in Gateshead and gained my degree in Newcastle. I was the first Regular Army Officer to go straight from University to the RAOC, where I enjoyed a lot of valuable experience in management and change.

On leaving the Army, my family and I moved back to "home" in North Tyneside. I then joined the TA and served until 1991 in 101 Regiment Royal Artillery, which was challenging but rewarding whilst there I worked interesting and capable people. Next, I went into teaching, it was enjoyable and rewarding, especially when working with young people. After that, I was elected to North Tyneside Council for several years. I was on the North East



Assembly and the Court of the University of Newcastle, as well as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, so I gained a lot of insight into and understanding of the way many paid officials relate to political people.

As Mayor, I want to encourage industries in the area; to provide design, training and manufacturing.

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"I want to make this area the epicentre of engineering and manufacturing excellence for the 21st century. Underpinned by a transport system to match."

To support small businesses everywhere, making us the epicentre of engineering and manufacturing excellence for the 21st century. This will require a wide, deep and varied 18-plus training scheme to the highest standards.

A boost and investment in our fishing industry, from the Tyne to the Tweed, is needed. Achieved by making it viable, sustainable and capable of taking full advantage of the benefits of Brexit, stimulating shipbuilding on the Tyne and Coquet.

We need a transport system fit for the 21st century which not only serves the needs of the economy but those of passengers in urban and rural areas.

I am keen to evaluate 'trackless trams'. These are a new and very successful concept that could use the derelict railway lines as well as other routes that criss-cross our area. They are far cheaper to introduce than traditional light rail transit systems and could provide a rapid and expandable solution now to our increasing needs.

We must move away from our outmoded and failing political agendas. With vision and by working together I believe we will forge a bright and prosperous future for our region. That is what I will strive to achieve.



JAMIE DRISCOLL

Your **Labour Party** candidate

Hello and thanks for reading!

My name is Jamie Driscoll and with your help, I'm hoping to become the first elected North of Tyne Mayor.

I saw the damage Thatcher inflicted on our communities - which is why I first joined Labour. Now, after 9 years of Tory austerity, I see working people using foodbanks and young people unable to afford homes. I live in Newcastle with my wife who's an NHS doctor, and my two young sons. So many of us are worried about the future for our kids and grandkids.

Our region deserves better. Empty slogans aren't enough. We need solid, practical policies that are backed up by evidence. That's what I'll deliver.

The Mayor will have a budget of £20 million a year. That's a drop in the ocean compared to the cuts our schools and hospitals - all our public services - have faced. But if we spend that cash wisely, and ensure money that's spent in the region remains in the region - we all benefit.

And I have the skills to do this. I'm an engineer by profession, and I ran my own company. I've worked on some huge projects in my time and know exactly how business works.

This is an important election and I hope you'll take the time to vote for Labour and a better future for us all.

*Our region
deserves a
Mayor who will
put the North
East first, and
stand up for all
our people.*



PROSPERITY YOU CAN BE PART OF

FIVE PRACTICAL POLICIES THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR REGION

✓ SET UP COMMUNITY HUBS

I'll create spaces for community groups and business start-ups

✓ BUILD AFFORDABLE HOMES

I'll build fair rent houses and affordable homes to buy

✓ COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

I'll set up a People's Bank to create jobs and boost wages

✓ GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

I'll create jobs in green energy and improve public transport

✓ MEANINGFUL ADULT EDUCATION

I'll tailor education to job chances, life opportunities and cultural life

John McCabe

Independent candidate

The mayoral election is a big moment for people living, learning and working in the North of Tyne.

I've done all three. I was born here, went to school, learned my trade, raised my children, lost my job through redundancy here, and now I've built a small business employing eight people here.



I love this region and I'm proud to call it home. But I've seen first-hand how tough life can sometimes be here. Now we have a great opportunity to grab hold of things for ourselves and unleash the potential of our people and our place.

But I fear this once in a generation chance might be missed because the main parties will yet again use our region as an arena to fight the same old national political battles. That's why I've decided to step forward. Only an independent

mayor will be answerable to the people of this region and no one else. And only an independent mayor will be free to build the kind of future the North of Tyne deserves.

Today's Labour party is dominated by Momentum and its far-left agenda and the Conservatives care more about their own jobs in government than ours in the real world. I'm tired of waiting and hoping for them to change. The only way we will get a different outcome in North of Tyne is by




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doing things for ourselves. I want us to create an economy in which employers can grow their businesses and create jobs, and where people of all ages, genders and ethnic background can use their talent to the full. As mayor, I will ensure every pound invested from devolution goes towards closing the economic gap that exists between our region and the South East.

I will establish a mayoral commission on opportunity to examine issues of diversity, equality, social mobility and mental health. This will be the most comprehensive review of its kind ever undertaken in the UK and it will smash the glass ceiling and remove barriers to opportunity.

I want us to make the most of our vibrant city, our proud local communities and our wonderful coast and countryside, by making them better connected and more accessible. And this is just the beginning. We need more investment in our communities and more decisions taken locally, and I'll never settle for Tory and Labour politicians in London saying no. Our broken politics have divided us for too long. I want North of Tyne to be at the forefront of restoring our optimistic, inclusive, caring country. If you share this vision, please vote McCabe for Mayor on 2 May and let's get started making this happen.



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Why do I want to be Mayor?

The new 'North of Tyne' Combined Authority (including the Hexham & Tynedale area) gives us an exciting opportunity to prioritise what we believe in and to promote ourselves on the wider stage.

This area needs a voice with Government and the wider world, helping people and organisations to work together effectively – Communication and Coordination are key!



My priorities

- **Better decision- making** – by involving those affected
- **Environment** – for our well-being and our children
- **Education** – for better employment and life chances

We need to work **together** more effectively for the better future all deserve.

What would I do as Mayor?

If elected, I will:

- Represent everyone, with Citizens' Assemblies to set priorities
- Lead a Mayoral Commission on Air Quality, reducing transport emissions for both health and the climate's sake
- Lead a revived North-East Constitutional Convention for greater devolution for the wider region (including South of Tyne)
- Focus on basic skills, educational attainment and improved take-up of apprenticeships
- Support small urban and rural businesses
- Promote use of brownfield sites and local solutions for affordable homes
- Prioritise reducing our carbon footprint – no more mining here!
- Work to rebuild relationships damaged by Brexit process

I believe strongly in integrity. I won't promise what can't be done.

My pledge to every voter in the North of Tyne area

As Mayor, I shall make every effort to help people to work together for the well-being of our area. In my professional and spare-time interests I have extensive experience of 'creative compromise' – finding practical solutions that everyone can see the sense of.

I will work towards a stronger and more sustainable economy, a more sustainable environment locally and globally, and a fairer society. Worthwhile change takes time, but together we can achieve much!

If you want a Mayor who is honest about what's possible and who is happy to work with others to receive advice and help, then please give me your First Choice vote!

Who is John Appleby?

- Lives in Whitley Bay, over 30 years living in the North East, enjoys detective fiction and hill-walking.
- Former Head of Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle University, 1000 staff & students, £14 million budget. Popular teacher of maths for Engineering.
- Experience includes public service as councillor for a disadvantaged area, union branch president, charity trustee, school governor, local & national church committees (ethics, gambling, anti-racism)
- Shares a car-club car, investor in and supporter of social enterprises, takes the Environment seriously



John is: Experienced • Realistic • Plain speaking • For the common good • A critical friend of Europe • A believer in education, environment, & devolution.

Dr John Appleby: Demanding better for the North of Tyne
Use your first choice vote for John (then use your other vote)!



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