



Hackney Mayoral Election

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On **Thursday 3 May 2018**, electors in Hackney will have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be Mayor of Hackney until 2022.






The elected Mayor leads the Council and its full range of services. It is different to a ceremonial Mayor; in Hackney this role is carried out by the Speaker of Hackney.

This booklet must be sent to you by law¹. It is produced by Tim Shields, the Returning Officer, and contains an election address – or statement – from all of those candidates for Mayor who chose to be included. The content is the responsibility of the candidates themselves, provided they comply with legal requirements, and the views expressed are theirs'. Their names and details appear in random order, which is determined by drawing lots.

This booklet also includes information on how to vote.


¹ The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

The candidates for Mayor of Hackney






	Surname	First Name	Description
	Pearce	Pauline	Liberal Democrats
	Glanville	Philip	Labour and Co-operative Party
	Lunat	Imtiyaz	Conservative Party Candidate
	Williams	Vernon	Independent
	Iyengar	Harini	Women's Equality Party
	Binnie-Lubbock	Alastair	Green Party

Sample ballot paper

**Election of the Mayor for
LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY**



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
<hr/> BINNIE-LUBBOCK , Alastair Henry Green Party 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> GLANVILLE , Philip Maurice Labour and Co-operative Party 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> IYENGAR , Harini Women's Equality Party 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> LUNAT , Imtiyaz Conservative Party Candidate 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> PEARCE , Pauline Liberal Democrats 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> WILLIAMS , Vernon Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Mayoral ballot paper will be pink.

The ballot paper illustrated on this page is a guide only.



Pauline Pearce

for Mayor



Our Hackney Heroine: Our Hackney Mayor

Everyone has hard times and dark times - that's called being human - but what makes the difference is how you get up, start again, and decide that this time you'll do better.

I've survived cancer, domestic violence and even time in prison, but I have always been someone who wants to give back - to friends, family and community.

Taking on the rioters in 2011 gave me a voice. Suddenly, people listened - and I have used that voice to speak up about violence on our streets, the lack of opportunities for our young people,

and the massive housing crisis our borough faces.

I got a fresh start - a chance to turn things around.

That's exactly what Hackney needs. And who better to lead it than the Hackney Heroine?

I already work tirelessly for our community, but if you make me your Mayor I will have the power to stand up for everyone who is disadvantaged and oppressed, no matter your race, religion, gender, disability or identity. **Please support me on May the 3rd.**

A Safer borough for Everyone

I will get serious on knife crime.

I'm leading the Lib Dem campaign for a Violence Reduction Unit.

A similar project in Glasgow cut the number of young people killed by knives to zero. We can do the same.

Community Policing. I will oppose cuts to Hackney police and, if necessary, fund replacements from the council tax.

A Council for Everyone

I will run the Town Hall differently.

I will open up decision-making in the council to make sure the whole community is listened to.

I will allow groups of residents to petition the council to discuss the issues they want to have discussed and look at new ways of **giving power back to local people**, like elected Community Councils.

A Housing Plan for Everyone

I will build more council homes.

It is not enough to build £1000 a month apartments or give developers free rein.

I will ensure Hackney builds genuinely affordable homes to address the housing crisis.

Existing tower blocks will have sprinklers installed. Grenfell must never happen again.

Parks and Streets for Everyone

I will champion clean air, clean streets and clean transport.

I am still fighting for step-free access at local stations like Dalston and new train services from Clapton.

My **Hackney Cycle Network** will help everyone who wants to choose cycling get around on safer, better kept routes.

Vote PAULINE PEARCE for a Fresh Start for Hackney

Brexit is already damaging Hackney

Sitting on the fence is not good enough

Lib Dems are fighting back. We want an



EXIT from **BREXIT**

Support us at: www.libdems.org.uk/exit-brexit

Building

A Fairer, Safer and More Sustainable Hackney

Here are some of our pledges

Tackling crime and keeping residents safe

- **Fighting** for the restoration of Police Officer numbers to previous proper levels
- **Continuing** to invest in our Integrated Gangs Unit and other targeted work to reduce violence and knife crime
- **Ensuring** that residents can report ASB and noise issues 24/7 to the Council

Giving young people the best start in life

- **Investing** in our existing schools, delivering new school places and setting aspirational education targets
- **Placing** young people at the heart of decision making through our Young Futures Commission
- **Maintaining** a network of children centres and youth provision across the borough

Building more of the homes we need

- **Delivering** 3000 new homes - with 800 new council and social rented homes and 700 for shared ownership
- **Fighting** for national investment in social housing and more powers to regulate private renting

Supporting business and creating opportunities

- **Creating** more new apprenticeships, work experience and training opportunities for all ages
- **Working** with larger businesses to invest more back into our community
- **Supporting** our small businesses through the Hackney Business Network and creating more affordable workspace

Building a cleaner, greener, healthier Hackney

- **Developing** a publicly-owned energy company to drive the change to renewable energy
- **Planting** 1000 trees over the next four years, reducing air pollution and supporting walking, cycling and public transport

Leading a campaigning Council

- **Fighting** unfair cuts to national benefits, education funding and the NHS
- **Defending** the rights of EU nationals, refugees, and our diverse communities

Vote  **Labour** **Thursday 3 May**

Philip Glanville



“ I first stood to be Mayor in 2016. In the last 19 months since I was elected, we have achieved a lot: created over 100 new Council apprenticeships for local people, built over 150 new Council homes to rent or for shared ownership, stood up for our EU citizens, and fought against police and education cuts.

Hackney Labour is proud of our record and will always focus on keeping residents safe and delivering high quality services.

However this election isn't about more of the same - we have bold, deliverable ideas to build a fairer, safer and more sustainable Hackney.

From promising more than 1500 genuinely affordable new Council homes to rent or buy, to developing a publicly-owned energy company to tackle climate change and drive the shift to renewable energy - Hackney Labour is setting out a clear plan for the future.

Hackney is a diverse, tolerant and ambitious borough, and deserves a Mayor that works with all our communities, and rises to the challenge of keeping it that way.

If you believe in our vision, join us and vote Labour in the Mayoral Election on Thursday 3 May.



Phil

*Labour and Co-operative Candidate
for Mayor of Hackney*

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Building

A Fairer, Safer and
More Sustainable Hackney



On May 3rd Vote Imtiaz Lunat for Mayor of Hackney



I have lived and worked in Hackney for over 25 years.

I run a small electrical contracting company.

My wife and I are foster carers for vulnerable children.

- I believe that **Hackney needs change**. Residents must be listened to.
- For example, planning permission for Olive (Free) School was denied by the Council, but granted thanks to an appeal via central government. Planning permissions for much-needed schools and other organisations have been rejected unfairly in the past.
- The Council introduced an unfair and un-transparent consultation process for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in my local area. Residents' concerns were dismissed and the Council wouldn't listen, but I kept fighting until the decision was changed.
- Long-standing single party dominance in the Town Hall is not healthy for local democracy.

Hackney Needs Change

On May 3rd Vote for Imtiaz Lunat for Mayor



email: office@hackneyconservatives.org.uk

Stop the Parking Tax

Over-zealous parking enforcement and high parking charges push up the cost of living, drive people out of town centres, harm local shops and make it difficult for friends and family to visit. In the last two years Annual Parking Permits have gone up by up to 90% (£112 to £213 for some cars).

- ✓ I will cut by 50% the annual residential car parking permit prices.
- ✓ I will campaign for a Free Residents Roamer Scheme that will give Hackney Parking Permit holders the freedom to park in resident bays within any Parking Zone in the borough between 11am and 3pm.

Freeze Council Tax

- ✓ I will freeze Council Tax for my whole term in office. This year Labour have put our Council Tax UP by 3%.
- ✓ I will scrap the propaganda sheet *Hackney Today*.

Solve the Housing Crisis

- ✓ I will build streets not skyscrapers and help people to extend their homes to house their growing families.

Reduce Pollution and Improve the Environment

- ✓ I will impose tougher penalties for littering, fly-tipping, graffiti and dog fouling.
- ✓ I will make our streets safer and more pleasant to walk and cycle on and promote more and better cycle routes and better lit footpaths.

Make Health and Education Better

- ✓ I will allocate more funds for youth clubs – an investment in youth culture will help reduce anti-social behaviour
- ✓ I will tackle social isolation and loneliness. More than one in ten people in Hackney say they have too little contact with other people and feel socially isolated – *the highest rate for any council in England, and significantly higher than the inner London average of 7.7%*.

Tackle Crime

- ✓ I will work with the police to improve safety and security.
- ✓ I will make better use of CCTV to deter criminals and collect evidence for prosecutions.

VERNON WILLIAMS

Mayoral Candidate

Former Hackney Councillor



I promise that as mayor I will start work on the following

- Focus on service quality and delivery to you
- Putting tenants in control of their housing
- Independent investigation into Hackney's mental health service after evidence of fabricated evidence used to detain and medicate a patient
- Building 500 temporary chalet units on park land for the homeless by rushing through planning permission

- Seek apology from our government for participation in African slave trade
- School breakfast for all primary school children in Hackney
- Review all privatised and outsourcing contracts for value and quality and open bidding for council contracts to local people

Equality, Justice and Community

I promise that as mayor I will start work on the following from the first day in office

1. Putting tenants in control of their housing.

a. The many horror stories I have listened to on doorsteps and distress that you as tenants belonging to housing associations and tenant management organisations (TMOs) when dealing with housing management. Your distress will be no more.

b. Housing Associations operating in Hackney will have

i. 1/3 board members will be council trained tenants' representatives taking the lead in tenant complaints against their landlord, staff discipline and remuneration of chief officers (pay and benefits).

ii. Each board will have a dedicated member for homelessness and ensuring the homeless is not forgotten in budgets and planning

iii. Bring to an end the days when housing associations can refuse to respond to reasonable questions regarding policy and management because they are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. As mayor I will work towards housing associations becoming listed under schedule 1 of the 2000 Act so that they answer your questions like any other public body.

iv. Family Mosaic housing that plans to amalgamate with Peobody to become a mega provider of social housing, but this should be opposed as there has been no proper consultation with its existing tenants.

c. War on Homelessness. After talking with hundreds of homeless people—some of whom are in work. I will rush through planning permission for 500 single room chalet units to be built on park land in Hackney for temporary housing for the homeless by Christmas 2018 at a cost of £1 million.

2. TMOs that are failing tenants will be returned to council management or be supervised by the council to ensure that they operate as parliament intended.

3. Independent investigation into Hackney's mental health service to determine the extent fabricated evidence of mental illness may be used to detain and medicate a patient and the quality of care in the community.

4. Our friends and neighbours in the Jewish community suffered the loss of 6 million of their family and friends to Nazi violence. Africa suffered 220 million people loss to slavery over for 400 years and our government that participated in that tragedy should apologize as the healing from the aftermath of slavery requires an apology.

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VOTE

HARINI IYER

FOR MAYOR

OF HACKNEY

HACKNEY IS MY HOME. I'm a long-term resident who has lived in East London for 20 years, raising my three children as a lone parent, working full-time as an equality and human rights barrister, and campaigning as an activist for equality. Like you, my family and I rely on **LOCAL COMMUNITY** services from midwifery, libraries, parks, leisure, education, planning and social care to street cleaning and recycling.

My experiences have taught me that everyone's needs are different and politics in Hackney needs **A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.** As a founding member of the **WOMEN'S EQUALITY PARTY**, I am committed to doing

politics differently. I will put the diverse needs of Hackney's women on the Council's agenda every day, not just on International Women's Day.

WE HAVE VIBRANT AND VARIED COMMUNITIES, with amazing potential, but Hackney is currently one of London's most deprived boroughs, where 41% of our children live in poverty. I will ensure that our resources are shared fairly and **INVESTED WISELY FOR HACKNEY'S FUTURE.** I will protect the most vulnerable members of our communities so everyone can thrive. My focus on equality will improve the lives of every man, woman and child in Hackney.

MAKE 2018 THE YEAR YOU VOTE FOR EQUALITY. BECAUSE EQUALITY

I am proud to be the first ever Hackney candidate for the **WOMEN'S EQUALITY PARTY**, the UK's fastest growing political party.

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OUR SEVEN CORE OBJECTIVES

- = **ENDING VIOLENCE** against women and girls
- = **EQUAL** education
- = **EQUAL** pay and opportunity
- = **EQUAL** parenting and care giving
- = **EQUAL** media treatment
- = **EQUAL** healthcare and medical research
- = **EQUAL** representation

I'LL SAY NO TO


- = **NO** to sexism and harassment in every corner of Hackney
- = **NO** to cuts to funding for children with disabilities and special educational needs
- = **NO** to unaffordable or temporary housing for lone parents

I'LL FIGHT FOR





- = **FIGHT** for community voices to be heard in the council
- = **FIGHT** for free, universal childcare that works for every family
- = **FIGHT** for justice so Hackney women get equal rights in their daily lives

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NO-ONE LEFT BEHIND

ALASTAIR BINNIE-LUBBOCK

GREEN PARTY

HONEST AND OPEN

The government and this council have been making big decisions, often without talking to the people affected by them. We need to put systems in place to ensure Hackney Council is honest, accountable and open. Only then will it provide decent homes and good jobs.

NO-ONE LEFT BEHIND

One in three people in Hackney live in poverty. I will oppose cuts to programmes that support the most vulnerable in Hackney, invest in the least well-off places and promote community-led support like credit unions and renters unions. I will work to ensure everyone has a fair chance in life, and that no one is denied that.

AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS

Hackney workers need a good wage, small businesses need support to grow, and big businesses need to pay their taxes. A Green administration will work with the community to make that happen.

A BRIGHT GREEN PLAN FOR HACKNEY

A Green administration will create a bold plan to achieve zero waste, lower carbon emissions, and bring the benefits of green jobs, cleaner air and cheaper cleaner energy to Hackney.

H Hackney

Alastair has lived in Hackney all his life and went to the Benthall Primary School. He works in fundraising and as a freelance filmmaker and events professional.

He volunteers at the Hackney Winter Night Shelter, and is Vice-Chair of the Hackney Downs Park User's Group.

MAKE ALASTAIR YOUR FIRST CHOICE

At this election you get to vote twice - for your first choice candidate and your second choice. If you vote for a candidate who does not finish in the top two, your second vote will be counted instead.



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Green Party
for the common good

Key dates

Tuesday 17 April

Deadline for registering to vote

Wednesday 18 April

Deadline for postal vote applications

Saturday 21 April

Postal vote packs start to arrive

Wednesday 25 April (5pm)

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

Friday 27 April

Please contact us if you have not received your postal vote

Thursday 3 May

Polling Day (7am–10pm)

Friday 4 May

Votes are counted

Voter information

Every registered elector receives a poll card which explains when, where and how to vote.



For details of your polling station, you can also visit

www.hackney.gov.uk/elections

Who can vote?

To vote in this election, your name must be included on the Register of Electors for Hackney. All registered British, Commonwealth, Irish and European Union citizens are entitled to vote. British overseas electors are not entitled to vote. All voters must be 18 years of age on or before 3 May 2018.

Postal voters

If you have registered for a postal vote, a pack will be posted to the address you requested around 21–23 April. If you not have received it by 27 April, please email electoralservices@hackney.gov.uk or call **020 8356 3232**.

Please ensure your completed ballot is received by the Returning Officer before 10pm on 3 May. If you forget to post it, you can drop it in at a polling station on the day of the election.

Proxy voters

You can appoint someone else to cast your vote on your behalf if you wish. Proxy voter applications must be received by the Council by 5pm on 25 April.

Emergency proxy voters

If you are unexpectedly taken ill or are suddenly called away for work purposes after 5pm on 25 April and cannot go to vote in person you can appoint an emergency proxy to vote for you. You will have to give a reason why you cannot vote in person and your application must be supported by a doctor or your employer. To apply for a proxy vote visit www.hackney.gov.uk/ways-to-vote or call **020 8356 3232**.

How is the Mayor elected?

The count will take place on 4 May. The Mayor is elected using the supplementary voting system. You will have two votes – one for your first choice candidate and one for your second choice. To vote for your first choice, mark a cross in the first choice column. To vote for your second choice, mark a cross in the second choice column. You do not have to mark a second choice if you do not want to. If you vote for the same candidate twice, your second vote will not be counted.

If, when all the first choice votes are counted, one candidate has received more than 50% of the votes, they will be elected the Mayor of Hackney. 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 the other candidates will be eliminated.

The ballot papers for all the eliminated candidates will then be counted, with the second choice votes for the two remaining candidates added to their first round totals. The candidate with the most votes overall is then elected Mayor of Hackney.

Frequently asked questions

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 was.

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.

When will the polling stations be open?

Polling stations will be open from **7am-10pm** on **Thursday 3 May**. The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card or can be found online.

I have lost my poll card, can I get another one?

If you are on the register, you don't need a poll card to vote, so another one won't be sent to you. You can attend the polling station and staff there will help you. The poll card is just to inform you that there is an election and explain where your polling station is. For help on your polling station, please visit www.hackney.gov.uk or call our elections helpline on **020 8356 3232**.

Why has every voter in my household been sent a booklet? That must cost a lot of money.

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



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