

# Elections Thursday 5 May 2022

Candidates for  
Mayor of Tower Hamlets



# YOUR VOTE IS

# YOURS ALONE

When you vote, your decision is yours alone.

No-one, not even a partner or family member, is allowed to:

- pressure you into voting a certain way
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# Introduction

On Thursday 5 May 2022, electors in Tower Hamlets will vote for the person they want to be the next Mayor of the borough and for the local councillor(s) to represent their area on Tower Hamlets Council.

I sincerely hope you will exercise your right to vote in this important election. Plans for the elections are already well underway and we are working hard to ensure that local people can cast their votes safely and securely on 5 May.

These elections will have the strongest processes in place in London to prevent fraud and some of the most robust in the country.

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets is an important position. The Mayor will represent the borough and lead the council for the next four years, making decisions about services which matter to local people, from community safety to supporting vulnerable adults and children, and from housing to parks and open spaces.

There are 7 candidates standing for Mayor.

When you cast your vote, you will see that they will be listed on the ballot paper alphabetically (please see a sample ballot paper overleaf). Under the Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Regulations 2007, this booklet is sent to every registered elector in our borough. It contains a short contribution from all candidates for Mayor who chose to be included and who sent me statements which comply with the legal requirements.

Lots were drawn to determine the order in which the candidates' pages appear in this booklet and the content of each section is the responsibility of the candidate. The views expressed cannot be attributed to the Returning Officer or Tower Hamlets Council.

Please read the FAQs at the back of this booklet. There is also a great deal of information on our website at **[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote)**

If you have any queries, you can contact our Electoral Services team by calling **020 7364 0872** or emailing **[vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk)**

**Will Tuckley**  
Returning Officer, and Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council

# Sample ballot paper

**Election of the Mayor for  
London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

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>BIGGS, John Robert</b> Labour and Co-operative Party		
<b>HOLMES, Pamela Anne</b> Independent		
<b>KHAN, Rabina</b> Liberal Democrats		
<b>PIERRE, Hugo</b> Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition		
<b>RAHMAN, Lutfur</b> Aspire		
<b>WEAVER, Elliott</b> The Conservative Party Candidate		
<b>WOOD, Andrew George</b> Independent		

# How to cast your votes

Vote once  in  
column 1 for your  
first choice

Vote once  in  
column 2 for your  
second choice

For the Mayoral election you have two votes. Vote once in column one for your first choice candidate and once in column two for your second choice candidate.

You do not have to cast a second choice vote, but you must cast a first choice vote or your ballot paper will not be counted.

If you vote for the same candidate twice, your second choice vote will not be counted.

## Who can vote?

To vote in this election your name must be included in the Register of Electors for Tower Hamlets.

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

You must be aged 18 years on, or before, 5 May 2022.

# Andrew Wood – vote for a radical change in Tower Hamlets



I am not a member of any political party  
I am standing as an **Independent** candidate  
– that means I will only work for you

Find out more about me by doing an internet  
search for ‘andrew wood tower hamlets’ or by  
visiting my website [www.woodformayor.com](http://www.woodformayor.com)

## **My background and qualifications to be the Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets:**

- ✓ Councillor for Canary Wharf ward since May 2014
- ✓ Founder of the Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum, it got an 86% yes vote when residents voted for it last May
- ✓ Former local authority secondary school governor
- ✓ Former Chair of the Patient Panel at the Royal London Hospital
- ✓ Qualified management accountant (CIMA)
- ✓ Twenty + years of business experience in private and publicly owned companies in the transport, construction (London 2012 Olympics), telecomms and education sectors
- ✓ Trustee for a small charity in Tower Hamlets
- ✓ Founder and administrator of the biggest Facebook group in Tower Hamlets ‘Canary Wharf & Isle of Dogs residents’
- ✓ Political Science degree Bristol University 2.1 Honours
- ✓ Born in Nigeria, half-German, half-English, grew up in Asia, worked in Saudi Arabia & the USA
- ✓ Chloe’s uncle

**What I Andrew Wood will do as your Independent Mayor** see my website [www.woodformayor.com](http://www.woodformayor.com) for more detail

- Focus on the basics – pick up the rubbish, punish bad behaviour, help people in need, safer streets that work for all road users, keep children safe, keep your costs down, I won't waste £, communicate better, & build more affordable homes
- Deliver the infrastructure that our growing population needs
- Respect what residents tell me in consultations
- Work with different political parties to get the best outcomes
- Radically improve the transparency of the Council
- Deliver real action on climate change

**Make Tower Hamlets a happier, safer, nicer place to live**



### **My contact details if you have any questions**

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### **Why you need to split your vote between different parties**

**At the last local elections, Labour got 42 out of 45 Councillors (or 93%) though only 46% of you voted for Labour Councillors**

- There is **NO** relationship between the vote for a Mayor and a vote for a Councillor – they have different jobs
- The Mayor makes decisions for the whole of Tower Hamlets
- A Councillor's main job is to scrutinise the Mayor's decisions, to question the Mayor, to help you, and to make some planning and licensing decisions – they have no other powers
- But when the Mayor and Councillor are from the same political party that does not work, Councillors often won't ask the tough questions nor scrutinize what the Mayor does

**You need to split your vote between different political parties so that we get as many opposition Councillors as possible**

# RABINA KHAN



**CHANGE TOWER HAMLETS  
FOR GOOD**



*Lib Dem Leader Ed Davey MP is supporting Rabina for Mayor*

*Dear Friend*

I am your Liberal Democrat Candidate standing in the Mayoral Election in May. **I have served as a Councillor for 12 years and came second in the last two Mayoral Elections.**

***I AM THE ONLY REAL  
CONTENDER AGAINST  
LABOUR***

Raising my family here, I experienced the many contrasts and contradictions in our borough: the wealth of Canary Wharf contrasts starkly with poverty, deprivation and health inequalities that are sadly prevalent. Personal experiences of prejudice and injustice have given me a strong sense of my identity, and an intolerance of all forms of bigotry and injustice.

I joined the Liberal Democrats in 2018 to contribute towards a safer, more prosperous, and inclusive borough by joining a party that shared my values in a Brexit era. We are the party of equality and opportunity, social justice, and working together for our community.

***I WILL BE A STRONG  
ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF  
ALL PEOPLE, NOT JUST ONE  
SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY***

It's time for a change. It's time for a Mayor who cares about our borough, from a national party that respects our shared values. Demand better. Vote Lib Dem on May 5th to change Tower Hamlets for good.

*Rabina*

# STRONGER

- A cross-party cabinet with an opposition member as chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Freeze Council Tax, keep Free School Meals and education bursaries for young people
- Set up a Mayor's Employment and Enterprise Board
- Build 2000 new Social Housing Units



# MORE EQUAL

- Campaign for a commonhold model to better protect leaseholders
- Introduce dedicated Environmental Health Officers for every Ward
- Stand up for the rights of disabled people and older citizens
- Support campaigns to make misogyny a hate crime in UK Law



# CLEANER, GREENER & SAFER

- Ensure recycling and waste is collected on time
- Drive an Inclusive Climate Change Agenda to promote green growth
- Increase Youth Service provision and hold a public inquiry into the Shamima Begum case
- A Good Practice Safety Charter requiring two stairwells for future high-rise towers



**KHAN, Rabina**  
Liberal Democrats



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Prepared by Warwick Danks on behalf of Rabina Khan and Tower Hamlets Liberal Democrats all at Houseboat Blue Amber, Harbourmasters Office, 46 Goodhart Place, London, E14 8EG

# LUTFUR FOR MAYOR



*"I trust Lutfur with my life - he will make your life better..."*

**Ken Livingstone**  
First Mayor of London



*"I recall Lutfur's support for the impoverished communities when he was the Mayor"*

**Rev Jessie Jackson**  
US Civil Rights Icon  
First Black US Presidential Candidate



*"Lutfur alone can stand on his own record"*

**Lilian Collins**  
Secretary, Aspire Party  
Chair, Poplar Baths Steering Committee  
Former Chair, Tower Hamlets Labour Party



## Rebuild Tower Hamlets. Rebuild our Future.

Walk with me round the historic hamlets of our borough. Bethnal Green, Bow, Poplar, the Isle of Dogs, Limehouse, Stepney, Shadwell, Wapping, and Whitechapel – where our wonderful new Town Hall in the former Royal London Hospital, which I commissioned when I was previously mayor, will open later this year.

We have all suffered under the last seven years, with higher taxes, slashed services, failed Ofsted inspections and closed roads.

### **But it doesn't have to be like this.**

The last time I was Mayor, my priority was to shield people from government austerity. We did all we could: we froze Council tax for 7 years, gave grants to help young people stay in education, and laid on free school dinners for every child in primary school. Instead of evicting people who couldn't pay the bedroom tax, we had a hardship fund to help out while they found a way forward. Instead of closing libraries we opened a new one. Now we all face the cost of living crisis: we'll need to protect our communities all over again.

**I promise that if you will give me your trust for a third time, I shall once more be a People's Mayor – running a council that is fit for purpose, with the community at its heart. Will you join me in building a better future for us all?**

—First elected Mayor of Tower Hamlets

# FIX Tower Hamlets

## 1 REOPENING OUR ROADS

End Labour's chaotic 'Liveable Streets' road closures and keep roads open to avoid public disruptions. I'll scrap the plant pots blocking fire engines' access and rebalance traffic away from rat-runs. I pledge not to bring in new plans without meaningful consultation with the public and businesses.



## 2 REDUCE COST OF LIVING



Freeze council tax for 4 years and fund the 10% of council tax rebates government will not pay. Stop squeezing people struggling to make ends meet in the pandemic. Explore extending free school meals from primary to secondary schools. A school holiday food fund for those most in need.

## 3 NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES

I'll build 1,000 social homes every year; and we need to insist social and private landlords deliver decent services in return for fair rents. I'll establish a Housing Emergency Task Force to drive through change, and consult residents immediately on bringing Tower Hamlets Homes back in house as a council-run service.



## 4 EDUCATION & SOCIAL CARE



Prioritise learning in schools, further education and university entrance as our youngsters' route to successful careers. We should have the highest aspirations for our children, who are our future. I will put our local community at the heart of social services, with a return to top-notch care for children and adults to pass inspections with flying colours.

## 5 A GREEN REVOLUTION

The climate emergency hasn't gone away, and we need to green-up council services quickly. Our community will struggle with rising fuel bills: we need a drive on energy efficiency in homes and businesses across



Tower Hamlets. I'll create green jobs whilst cutting living costs. Make Council carbon neutral, our homes energy-efficient and plant more trees.

## 6 PROTECT FRONTLINE SERVICES



Bring back council services that work for you: invest in bin collections and street cleaning and launch rapid response teams to respond to fly tipping and filth on our residential streets which are in a terrible state. Protect all Idea Stores, libraries and leisure centres from cuts. Stand up for council workers' rights with an end to fire and hire.

## 7 TACKLING CRIME & ASB

We have a right to feel safe in our homes and on our streets. I'll set a target of arresting "a dealer a day" and supporting people to come off and stay off drugs (which are the cause of so much crime and nuisance). I'll fund community police on-the-beat to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour so you can live your life in a peaceful environment.



## 8 MORE YOUTH PROVISIONS



Let's give our youngsters something productive to do once again, instead of hanging around on street corners. I'll rebuild the 40-odd youth clubs closed by Labour – a borough-wide network of centres which can support young people with homework space, careers advice, gang prevention work, developing life skills – and a host of leisure activities.

# LUTFUR FOR MAYOR

Working-class people in Tower Hamlets have been let down. Labour mayors and councillors choose to pass on Tory government's cuts rather than fight for us.

A socialist mayor would start rebuilding the jobs and homes we need – and send the bill to Number 10. TUSC fights alongside workers, unions and the community to win more resources from Westminster

and the 1%.

Councils could start doing everything written here – and more – tomorrow. But to get that, working-class people need a new, mass party that stands up for us. And we need a new way of running society, based on public planning to benefit the majority, not private profit for the billionaires.

**We need socialist change!**

## **COUNCIL HOMES AND RENT CONTROL – NOT GENTRIFICATION**

**We say:**

- **Build 2,000 high-quality council homes a year to meet the needs of all. Seize empty properties for council housing**
- **Bring in rent controls and planning where residents and workers have a real say**
- **Stop the land grab! No to gentrification of the Truman Brewery and other sites in our borough**

## **YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE A DECENT FUTURE**

**We say:**

- **Restore and expand closed youth services**
- **Profit out of schools! Bring all schools back into democratic control – stop 'academy' conversions**
- **Fight for free education and training**
- **End low pay! For a £15-an-hour minimum wage for all ages**
- **Invest in socially useful job creation with living wages and trade union conditions**

**Hugo Pierre is a member of the Socialist Party.**

**Find out more about socialist ideas;**

 [socialist\\_party\\_london](https://www.instagram.com/socialist_party_london)



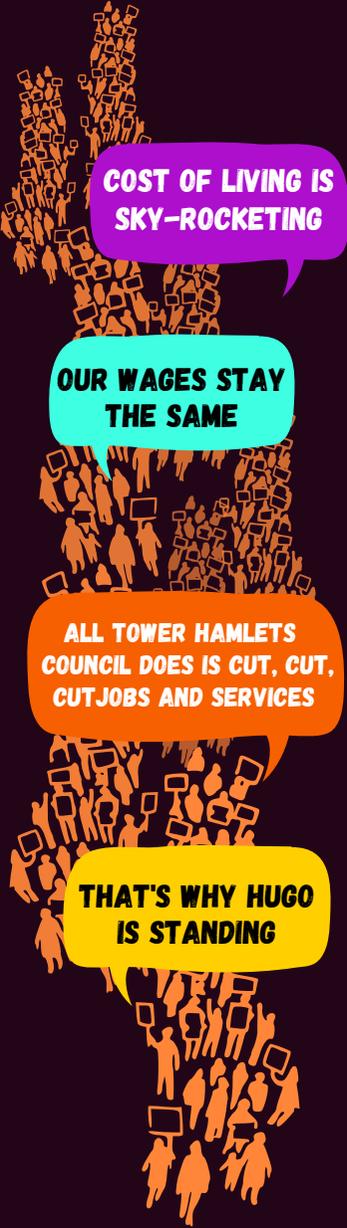
**CONTACT HUGO'S TEAM TO GET INVOLVED**

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**COST OF LIVING IS  
SKY-ROCKETING**

**OUR WAGES STAY  
THE SAME**

**ALL TOWER HAMLETS  
COUNCIL DOES IS CUT, CUT,  
CUT JOBS AND SERVICES**

**THAT'S WHY HUGO  
IS STANDING**



**VOTE  
HUGO  
PIERRE**

**TUSC  
AGAINST  
CUTS**

**A SOCIALIST  
MAYOR FOR  
THE WORKING  
CLASS**

## **FIGHT THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS**

As a longstanding local anti-cuts campaigner and Socialist Party member, Hugo will only take a worker's wage. Not the bloated £80k the current mayor lives on!

We say:

- Stop the squeeze!  
Scrap council tax hikes and support trade union struggle for wage rises – make the rich pay
- Fight pollution, not the poor! For a free-to-use, publicly owned transport system. No to Labour's transport cuts, travel taxes and parking charges
- Save our services!  
Reverse all cuts, closures and privatisation of community resources.
- We need youth services for our young people and free education and grants for all

**TUSC - the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition is standing because Labour now act just like the Tories. Working class people need a voice!**

**VOTE TO FIGHT AUSTERITY,  
NOT PASS IT ONTO WORKERS AND RESIDENTS!**

# ELLIOTT WEAVER

## MY PLAN TO GET TOWER HAMLETS MOVING AGAIN

- ✓ CLEANER STREETS
- ✓ STOP ROAD CLOSURES
- ✓ SAFER COMMUNITIES
- ✓ MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES
- ✓ INVEST IN COMMUNITY SERVICES
- ✓ LOWER COUNCIL TAX



VOTE

Elliott Weaver



FOR TOWER HAMLETS MAYOR - THURSDAY 5 MAY

Dear Resident,

**This is our chance to get Tower Hamlets moving again.**

Tower Hamlets is a great place to live, work and enjoy – but we could be doing much better.

For too long we've seen Mayors from other parties choose the wrong priorities for the people of Tower Hamlets:

- **Failing to deliver the basics** – rubbish and litter is left lining up our streets, nobody is ever prosecuted for fly-tipping, and too little is done to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.
- **Closing the roads and hiking council tax** (up by £330 a year since Labour took power) – threatening the local recovery we badly need.
- **Obsessing over vanity projects, factional politics and internal scandals** – instead of getting a grip on delivery.

I've lived in Tower Hamlets for eight years and I believe we deserve better. That's why I've put myself forward to be your Mayor.

My plan will focus on making key council services deliver more for residents and businesses – while taking less cash out of your pocket.

Get your bins collected, get council tax down, prioritise the local recovery, reopen the roads and get Tower Hamlets moving again.

**That's what I mean by getting the basics right.** Other local authorities have shown how this can be done – like Conservative-run Wandsworth. I will work tirelessly to deliver for you and our community.

So please support me and vote Conservative on Thursday 5 May. Together, we can get Tower Hamlets moving again.

Best Wishes,

*Elliott Weaver*

 **Conservatives**

Council Tax increase figure relates to a Band D property since Labour took power in 2015. In the same period, Tower Hamlets Council have made zero-prosecutions for fly-tipping.

Promoted by Alex Williams on behalf of Elliott Weaver, both of Tower Hamlets Conservatives, 10-16 Tiller Road, London, E14 8PX

**FOLLOW ME ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION- [FB.COM/ELLIOTTWEAVER4THMAYOR](https://www.facebook.com/elliottweaver4thmayor)**



# Vote Labour on 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Over the next few weeks, you will set the direction for our borough and our community through the election of the Mayor and councillors for Tower Hamlets.**

I have had the privilege of serving this borough as an elected representative, in one role or another for over 30 years and for the past seven years as Mayor. It has been the greatest honour of my life. I want to be clear about what I stand for and what I will do if you re-elect me and our Labour councillor candidates this May.

We have come a long way together over the last seven years but there is still more work to do. Tower Hamlets has been tested by years of hardship and cuts that the Conservative government has failed to address; first the financial crisis, then the pandemic, and now we are facing a cost-of-living crisis. It has been challenging, particularly for residents for whom life was already tough. Despite that, we pulled together regardless of religion, ethnicity or class – truly one Tower Hamlets.

If re-elected my Labour administration will continue to focus on the issues that matter most to residents:

- Improving the environmental quality and tackling the climate crisis.
  - Continued support for wider community safety – tackling crime and supporting victims.
  - Ensuring high educational standards to give children the best start in life.
  - An ambitious programme to challenge poverty, through helping residents into work, our resident support scheme and free school meals for all primary children.
  - Delivering record breaking numbers of new and affordable homes.
- And much more besides.

If you share our vision, our values, and our commitment to making Tower Hamlets better for everyone who lives here, please support us at this election. Vote for myself as mayor and for your Labour councillors on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Let's keep moving Tower Hamlets forward, together.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Biggs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Biggs

# One East End, united not divided

*"I will be a Mayor for everyone: I'm ambitious for Tower Hamlets and passionate about fairness and equality for all."* John Biggs



## Opportunities for everyone



Despite Conservative cuts we will continue to protect free school meals, parks, libraries, jobs, youth programmes, skills training, and community grants. We will champion excellence in education so that every learner has a bright future.

## There when you need us



The Conservative government have cut millions from our budget but we will stand with the most vulnerable by investing in health services, children and family centres, access to crisis funding, and offering a 100% council tax reduction scheme for those who need it most.

## Safe on our streets



We will push for more police funding and strengthen our safer neighbourhood teams to combat drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. We will work with the police to build trust in our communities and secure more convictions for hate and race crimes and violence against women.

## Homes to be proud of



We will continue our record breaking delivery of truly affordable family-sized homes and ensure a fair deal from developers to tackle the housing crisis. We will crack down on rogue landlords, help rough sleepers, protect private renters and improve existing homes and estates.

## Cleaner and healthier



As part of a just climate transition, we will be a carbon-neutral council by 2025 and a carbon-neutral borough by 2045. We'll continue to improve green spaces, create more play areas and outdoor gyms, clean up our air, and extend recycling and food-waste collections.

# How the votes for Mayor will be counted

The verification and count for the Mayoral election will take place on Friday 6 May 2022 at the East Wintergarden, Canary Wharf commencing at 8am.

If one candidate gets more than 50% of the validly cast first choice votes, he or she will be elected as Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

If no candidate gets more than 50% the validly cast first choice votes, the two candidates with the most first choice votes remain in the contest and all the other candidates drop out. Then, the validly cast second choice votes on the ballot papers of the candidates who dropped out of the contest are counted. Where there are votes for the two candidates remaining in the contest, they are added to the first choice votes these candidates already have.

Of the two candidates, the one with the most validly cast first choice and second choice votes combined will be declared the next Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

Following the official declaration by the Returning Officer, the result will be published on the council's website and displayed on the notice board at the Town Hall. Follow the council on social media for the results:

**@TowerHamletsNow.**

# Frequently asked questions

Please visit our website for a full list of FAQs at [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote)

## **When will the polling stations be open?**

Polling stations will be open from 7am-10pm on Thursday 5 May. The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card.

## **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. You can attend the polling station and staff there will help you.

## **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 full name and address. They will then mark your name in the register and give you your ballot papers.

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

The law requires every registered voter is sent their own copy so they can 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 – £500.

## **When will the votes be counted?**

The verification and count of votes will commence at 8am on Friday 6 May and the results will be published on the council's website.

## **How do you know that people who are voting are legitimate?**

The council has worked hard to ensure that the borough's electorate are correctly registered under Individual Electoral Register (IER) ensuring everyone's details have been verified before adding them to the register.

During the election process, the council also carry out additional checks on late applications to the register and all addresses with more than six people registered to vote.

# Frequently asked questions

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## I can't find my polling station using the interactive map – the page doesn't load up

During busy periods our maps may take longer to load onto the system. Please contact us and we can have a look for you.





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