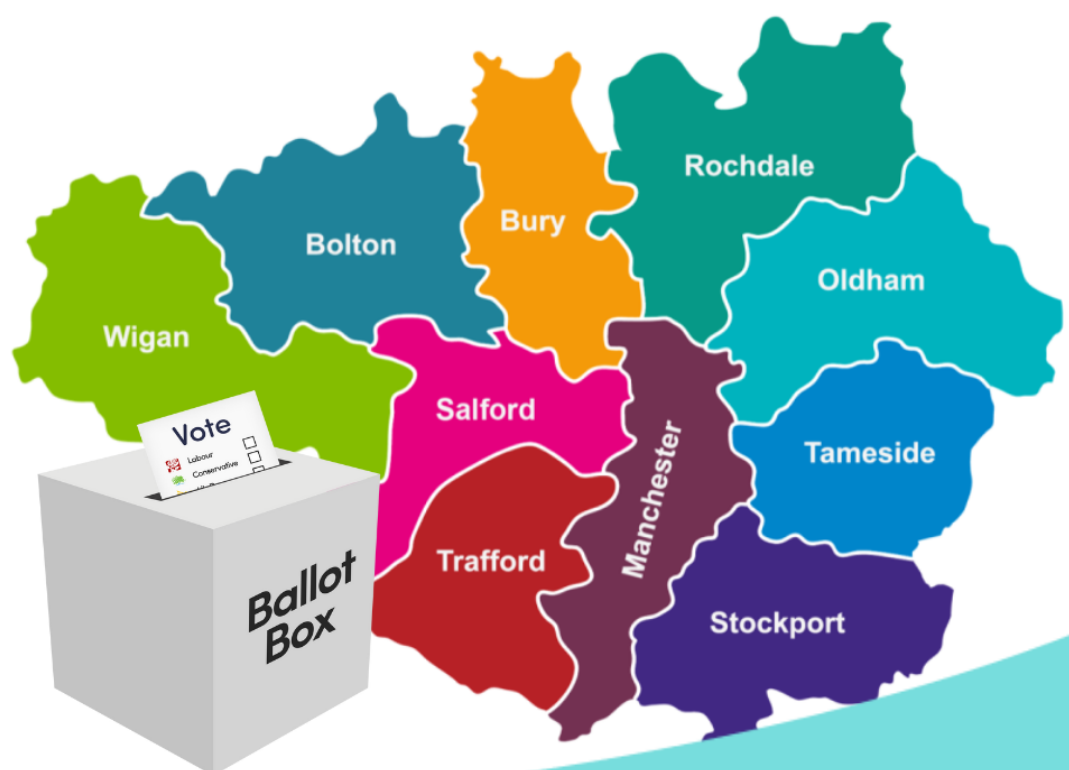


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Easy Read Guide: Greater Manchester mayoral election 2024





On **Thursday 2nd May**, people living in Greater Manchester will get to vote for the next Mayor of the **Greater Manchester Combined Authority**.



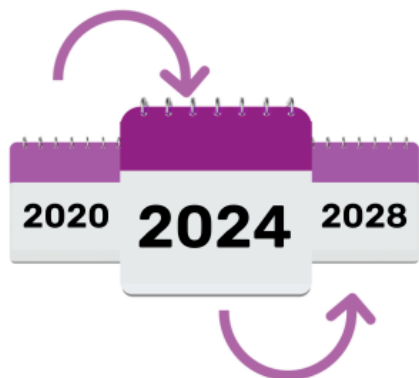
A **Combined Authority** is when 2 or more different cities or areas work together to make shared decisions about how things are run.

In Greater Manchester, the Combined Authority includes Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, and Wigan.



The Combined Authority's **Mayor** leads the areas which have agreed to work together.

The Mayor of a Combined Authority decides lots of things which affect the everyday lives of many local people such as transport, housing, policing and social care.



The Mayor serves for four years. They can run to be elected again when that time is up.



People will have a choice of voting for different **candidates** during the election.

A candidate is someone who is taking part in an election and wants your vote.



There are many candidates who are standing to be Greater Manchester's next Mayor. They all have different ideas about how they want to change and improve people's lives.



In this guide, we have listed candidates from the main **political parties** who are elected in areas of Greater Manchester.

A political party is a group of people who share similar ideas about how society should be run. These ideas are also called **policies**.



Andy Burnham is the Labour Party's candidate. He has been Mayor since 2016 and is running again.



His main policies are helping young people to get new skills to work in technology and ending homelessness.



Laura Evans is the Conservative Party's candidate.



Her main policies are getting more police on the streets and lowering **taxes** so people can keep more of their own money.



Taxes are the money people pay to the Combined Authority.

The Combined Authority spends this money on **public services**. These are things like transport, policing, and social care. An example of a tax is council tax.



Jake Austin is the Liberal Democrats' candidate.



His main policies are putting more money into emergency services and stopping pollution in Greater Manchester's rivers and lakes.



Hannah Spencer is the Green Party's candidate.



Her main policies are supporting people with the increasing cost of bills and making public transport more accessible.

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