

What are the local elections on the 5th May – what are you voting for ?

One Executive Mayor for Tower Hamlets – one ballot paper

Who has all of the power and responsibility, a single person in charge, which is what residents voted for last May in the referendum

There is NO relationship between a vote for the Mayor and a vote for Councillors

You do NOT need to vote for a Councillor from Party X to get a Mayor from party X

45 Councillors in 20 wards – each ward has 1, 2 or 3 Councillors – one ballot paper

Councillors have no power unless the Mayor chooses to share it with them

They decide some planning & licensing applications, and make some pensions decisions

They can ask the Mayor & their team questions but cannot change what the Mayor does except they can vote down the Mayors budget (but only if 2/3's agree)

Their main role is to scrutinize the Mayor, to ask questions, to help you

How do you vote for Mayor?

Election results for Tower Hamlets

Tower Hamlets Mayoral Election - Thursday, 3rd May, 2018

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Election of a Mayor of Tower Hamlets

| Tower Hamlets - results | | | | | | | |
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| Election Candidate | Party | 1st Pref | % | 2nd Pref | % | Total | Outcome |
| John Biggs | Labour Party | 37619 | 48.43% | 7246 | 65.81% | 44865 | Elected |
| Rabina Khan | People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets | 13113 | 16.88% | 3765 | 34.19% | 16878 | Not elected |
| Abul Monsur Ohid Ahmed | Aspire | 11109 | 14.30% | | | | Not elected |
| Anwara Ali | Conservative | 6149 | 7.92% | | | | Not elected |
| Elaine Bagshaw | Liberal Democrats | 5598 | 7.21% | | | | Not elected |
| Ciaran Alasdair Jebb | Green Party | 3365 | 4.33% | | | | Not elected |
| Hugo Pierre | Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition | 728 | 0.94% | | | | Not elected |

You have 2 votes for Mayor

1st preference – X in first column

2nd preference - X in 2nd column (or can leave empty)

Count 1st preferences first – if a candidate gets 50%+ 1 they are elected which is what happened in 2010 when Lutfur Rahman was elected

If nobody gets 50% keep the top two candidates – and then count the 2nd preferences of all the other candidates

Add their 2nd preference votes to 1st preference votes of the top two to decide ultimate winner – see 2018 as an example

How do you vote for Councillors?

Election results for Island Gardens

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Island Gardens Constituency

| Island Gardens - results | | | | |
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| Election Candidate | Party | Votes | % | Outcome |
|  Mufeedah Bustin | Labour Party | 1111 | 16.05% | Elected |
|  Peter Stacey Golds | Conservative | 1107 | 15.99% | Elected |
|  Shahaveer Hussain | Labour Party | 1032 | 14.91% | Not elected |
|  Elaine Bagshaw | Liberal Democrats | 899 | 12.99% | Not elected |
|  James Robert Strawson | Conservative | 778 | 11.24% | Not elected |
|  Shelly Lorraine English | Liberal Democrats | 614 | 8.87% | Not elected |
|  Sadiqur Bablu Rahman | Aspire | 370 | 5.34% | Not elected |
|  Sohid Chowdhury | Aspire | 282 | 4.07% | Not elected |
|  Victoria Bracken Gladwin | Green Party | 279 | 4.03% | Not elected |
|  David Nicholas Allison | Green Party | 254 | 3.67% | Not elected |
|  Abdul Manik | People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets | 197 | 2.85% | Not elected |

You have one vote for each Councillor in the ward

For example, Island Gardens ward has 2 Councillor's

So you get 2 votes

Top 2 candidates win, no 2nd preferences

Some wards have 3 Councillors, Poplar & Limehouse wards only one

Biggest party usually wins thanks to First Past the Post voting system

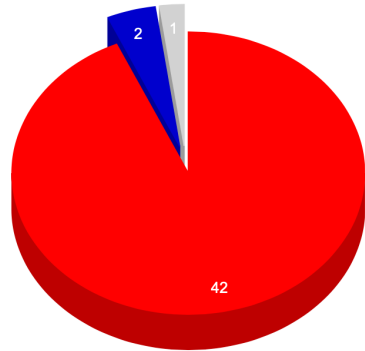
But note how mixed-up results were here as clearly not everybody used their 2 votes to vote for only one party

Otherwise the Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat candidates would have got the same number of votes!

Some people voted tactically !

Why you should vote tactically if you want some opposition in Tower Hamlets

Share of newly won seats
 ● Labour Party ● Conservative ● People's Alliance of Tow...



May 2018 46% of you vote for Labour Councillors but as biggest party = 42 out of the 45 Councillors elected where from the **Labour Party** (so 46% vote = 93% of Councillors)

- + Mayor of London Sadiq Khan **Labour party**
- + Mayor of Tower Hamlets John Biggs **Labour party**
- + Apsana Begum MP **Labour party**
- + Rushanara Ali MP **Labour party**
- + Unmesh Desai London Assembly Member **Labour party**

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| Election results by party | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Party name | Seats won | % of votes |
| Labour Party | 42 | 46.09% |
| Conservative | 2 | 9.91% |
| People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets | 1 | 11.34% |
| Aspire | 0 | 15.36% |
| Liberal Democrats | 0 | 8.63% |
| Green Party | 0 | 7.91% |
| Independent | 0 | < 1% |
| Women's Equality Party | 0 | < 1% |
| Renew | 0 | < 1% |
| Turnout: | | 41.85% |

If you think Tower Hamlets is best served by having no opposition (like Newham and Lewisham) then vote Labour
 BUT if you think it would be better for there to be some opposition Councillor's able to ask the Mayor tough questions then vote for Aspire, Conservative, Green, Liberal Democrat Councillors (or me) (However if you think Lutfur Rahman might be Mayor then don't vote for too many Aspire Councillors)
 Maybe Labour Party politicians might work harder and be more united if they had an opposition to worry about?

In 2018 which party came second (if standing again) in each ward?

Bethnal Green East - Green
Bethnal Green West - **Aspire**
Blackwall & Cubitt Town - **Conservative**
Bow East - Green
Bow West - Green
Bromley North - **Aspire**
Bromley South - **Aspire**
Canary Wharf – complicated but **Aspire**, **Conservative**,
Labour have all won this ward in past – also my ward
Island Gardens - **Conservative**
Lansbury – **Aspire** + Crissy Townsend 😊
Limehouse - **Conservative**
Mile End - **Aspire**
Poplar - **Aspire**
Shadwell – complicated but vote **Liberal Democrat**
Spitalfields & Banglatown - **Aspire**
St Dunstan's - **Aspire**
St Katharine's & Wapping – **Liberal Democrat** &
Conservative tie
Stepney Green - **Aspire**
Weavers - **Aspire**
Whitechapel – complicated but **Aspire**/**Liberal Democrat**

* Note no Peoples Alliance Tower Hamlets party like in 2018

Which Councillors should be re-elected?

In my personal view based on a combination of experience, work ethic, understanding the role of Cllrs, willingness to work with others or because they are good people who should be Councillors.

Labour

Marc Francis
Rachel Blake
Amina Ali
Asma Islam
Sirajul Islam
Victoria Obaze
Val Whitehead

There are other competent & capable Labour Cllrs but I am not convinced they would make Tower Hamlets a better place if re-elected plus we need more opposition Councillors

Opposition

Peter Golds Conservative
Rabina Khan Liberal Democrat
Kabir Ahmed Aspire

What personal qualities should Councillors have?

- They need to be able to read and understand complex documents that will be 100's of pages long – last Cabinet paper was over 600 pages
- They need to be able to communicate with people at all levels
- They need to know how to ask direct questions (as that is the main job of Cllrs)
- They need to be hard working as most Councillor work is done during the evenings and weekends
- They need to be incorruptible if they are on the planning and licensing committees
- They need to be able to learn fast because the Council is a very complex organization

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We desperately need more good Councillors from a range of political parties who can help residents, work hard and hold the Mayor to account

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