

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ON WHETHER BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE A DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 9N of the Local Government Act 2000 and The City of Birmingham (Mayoral Referendum) Order 2012, the Secretary of State has ordered that Birmingham City Council hold a referendum on whether to change the council's executive arrangements.
2. The Referendum will ask whether the Council's Executive should be changed from a Leader and Cabinet Executive to an Elected Mayor and Cabinet Executive.
3. The poll for the Referendum will be held on Thursday 3rd May, 2012 between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm and will be taken together with the poll for elections to Birmingham City Council.
4. The question to be asked at the poll is -

How would you like Birmingham City Council to be run?

By a leader who is an elected councillor chosen by a vote of the other elected councillors. This is how the council is run now.

OR

By a mayor who is elected by voters. This would be a change from how the council is run now.

5. The referendum will be conducted using procedures similar to those for the conduct of a local council election.
6. The referendum expenses limit for campaign organisers conducting a campaign promoting a particular outcome to the question being asked at the referendum will be based on 762,690 electors and will be £47,360.71.

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