**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Combined Authority Mayoral Election

For the West Midlands Combined Authority

1. An Election is to be held for the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Combined Authority Returning Officer at the Elections Office, Birmingham City Council, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB on any working day after the date of this notice, during hours of 10am and 4pm **but by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2017.**
3. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Combined Authority Returning Officer, at the place and times stated above.
4. If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 4th May 2017.
5. A deposit of £5,000 must be paid for each candidate by the deadline for delivery of nominations either in legal tender, by banker’s draft and with the Combined Authority Returning Officer’s consent by electronic transfer of funds or with my prior permission, by debit or credit card (Delta, Solo, Switch/Maestro, MasterCard or Visa).
6. Applications to be included in the register of electors must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Thursday 13th April 2017, if they are to be effective for the election.
7. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 18th April 2017.
8. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 25th April 2017.
9. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at their offices by 5pm on Thursday 4th May 2017. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 25th April 2017. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 25th April 2017.
10. Any candidate wishing to have their election address included in the mayoral information booklet will need to have this submitted to the Combined Authority Returning Officer by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2017.** Candidates will need to pay a contribution towards the cost of printing the booklet which has been set at £5,000. This must be paid by the deadline for delivery of nominations.

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| Electoral Registration Officer contact details  |
| Constituent council  | Address | Contact details |
| Birmingham City Council | Elections OfficeCouncil House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB | Email electionsoffice@birmingham.gov.ukTel: 0121 303 2731 |
| Coventry City Council  | Room 14Council HouseEarl StreetCoventryCV1 5RR | **Email:** electoral.services@coventry.gov.uk**Tel:** 024 7683 3034 |
| Dudley MBC | Electoral ServicesOld Crown CourtPriory StreetDudleyWest MidlandsDY1 1EY | Email: elections.cexec@dudley.gov.ukTel: 01384 814740 |
| Sandwell Council | Elections OfficeSandwell Council House, Freeth Street OldburyB69 3DB. | Email:electoral\_services@sandwell.gov.ukTel: 0121 569 3244 |
| Solihull MBC | Elections Office, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 3QB | Email: election@solihull.gov.ukTel: 0121 704 6042 |
| Walsall Council | Elections Office, Council House, Lichfield Street,Walsall WS1 1AE | Email: electionoffice@walsall.gov.ukTel 01922 652502 |
| City of Wolverhampton Council | Elections Office,Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RG. | Email: city.direct@wolverhampton.gov.ukTel: 01902 551177  |

Dated: 23rd March 2017 Martin Reeves

 Combined Authority Returning Officer