# MAYORAL

# SHEFFIELD CITY REGION

THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018

BARNSLEY DONCASTER ROTHERHAM SHEFFIELD COMBINED AUTHORITY

This booklet contains important information for all voters

Sheffield City Region Your Guide to the Election, the Candidates and How to Vote

# INTRODUCTION

On Thursday 3 May 2018, there will be an election of a Mayor for the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority; known more commonly as the Sheffield City Region. This is a new role, leading the work of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.

People who are registered to vote in local elections for any of the four constituent councils of the Sheffield City Region (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) are eligible to vote in this election.

The Combined Authority Returning Officer is required by law to send a copy of this Candidate Information Booklet to every registered voter in South Yorkshire. This is to ensure that every voter is informed about the election, the candidates who are standing for election and how to vote.

# This booklet contains:

- A list of every candidate standing in the election, in alphabetical order;
- Information about the Sheffield City Region;
- Information about the Mayor and how the Mayor will be elected;
- Information on the different ways you can vote and how to complete the ballot paper;
- An Election Address (political statement) from each of the candidates standing for election who have opted to be included in this booklet;
- Contact details for the Local Electoral Services Offices.

# LIST OF MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Seven candidates are standing for election for the Mayor of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. They will be listed alphabetically on the ballot paper. The Mayoral candidates are:

David Allen English Democrats - "A Parliament for England!"

Mick Bower The Yorkshire Party

Dan Jarvis Labour and Co-operative Party
Naveen Judah South Yorkshire Save Our NHS

Hannah Kitching Liberal Democrats
Rob Murphy Green Party Candidate

Ian Walker The Conservative Party Candidate

Every candidate was given the opportunity to provide an Election Address for this booklet. Seven candidates chose to do so, and they have each paid £3,000 towards the printing cost of the booklet. Each Election Address included in this booklet has been supplied by the candidate and the views expressed in their address are theirs alone. Lots were drawn by the Combined Authority Returning Officer to decide the order in which the Election Addresses appear in this booklet.

# THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Sheffield City Region Combined Authority was established in 2014. It is a statutory body which brings together nine local authority areas. The four councils in South Yorkshire (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) are constituent members of the Combined Authority. The five district councils of Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales and North East Derbyshire are non-constituent members of the Combined Authority.

The Mayor will be elected by and accountable to voters from the four constituent councils of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

The Sheffield City Region Combined Authority delivers economic development, regeneration and transport functions to support and grow the local economy.

# ABOUT THE MAYOR

# What will the Mayor do?

The Mayor will be a major figure in the political life of the area. They will act as an ambassador for the area; promoting it as a place to live, work, visit and invest in.

The Mayor will be a member of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and its Chair. The Mayor and local council Leaders will work with the Local Enterprise Partnership, central Government and other organisations to pursue shared goals and deliver strategic plans.

Powers and resources may be devolved to the Mayor and the Combined Authority if agreement can be reached in the future. This could include the £900 million of funding and powers such as control over adult skills and training budgets from the 2015 Devolution Deal with Government. The Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, the Mayor and each constituent council would need to agree to any such additional powers being devolved from Government.

# Will the Mayor make decisions about my council?

No. Your local council will continue to provide the services needed and used by the local communities in their area. The Mayor will not be responsible for setting Council Tax.

The Mayor and Sheffield City Region Combined Authority will make decisions that impact on and improve the City Region economy. This will include making decisions on public transport, adult skills, infrastructure and regeneration that will drive the growth of the Sheffield City Region economy.

### How will the Mayor be held to account?

The Mayor will ultimately be held to account by voters through the election process. However, the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the Mayor, their plans and activities, as well as the wider work of the Authority.

# How long will the Mayor be in office?

The successful candidate will be elected for a four-year term, with the next election scheduled to take place in 2022.

# ABOUT THE ELECTION

# How is the Mayor elected?

At a Mayoral Election, the voting system is different to most other local elections. Mayoral Elections use the Supplementary Voting system rather than the First Past the Post voting system that is used in local and parliamentary elections.

In the Supplementary Voting system, you have the opportunity to choose two candidates on your ballot paper – your first choice candidate and your second choice candidate. This is how it works:

All the first choice votes are counted. If a candidate receives more than 50% of all valid first choice votes, they will be elected as the Mayor of the Sheffield City Region.

If no candidate receives more than 50% of the first choice votes, the two candidates with the most first choice votes go into a second round of counting. All other candidates are eliminated.

The ballot papers which contained a first choice vote for a candidate no longer in the contest are looked at for the second choice votes. Any second choice votes given for the two candidates remaining in the contest are added to their first choice votes.

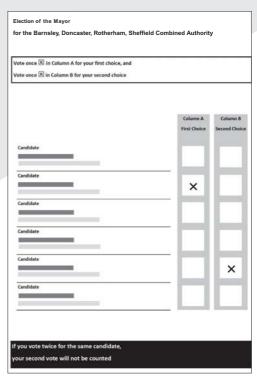
The candidate with the most number of first and second choice votes will be elected as the Mayor.

# ABOUT THE ELECTION

# How to complete Your Ballot Paper

On the Mayoral Election ballot paper, there are two columns. Column A is for your first choice, and column B is for your second choice. You do not have to choose a second candidate if you do not want to.

- Vote for your first choice candidate by putting an 'X' in the box next to their name in column A.
- Vote for your second choice candidate by putting an 'X' in the box next to their name in column B.
- You must use column A or your vote will not be counted.
- You should not mark more than one cross in the first-choice column and you should not mark more than one cross in the second-choice column.
- For your second choice to be valid it must be different to your first choice.



When will the results of the election be announced?

Votes will be counted and the result announced on 4 May 2018. The full results of the Mayoral Election will be published at **www.sheffieldcityregion.org.uk** 

# HOW YOU CAN VOTE

# Vote in person at a polling station

If you are registered and entitled to vote, you will receive a poll card in the post before Polling Day on 3 May 2018.

The name and address of your polling station will be printed on the poll card that is delivered to you. You don't need your poll card to vote. You can only vote at the polling station stated on this card.

Polling stations in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield will be open between 7am and 10pm on 3 May 2018 for you to vote. When you arrive at your polling station, you will be asked for your name and address by the staff. They will check that you are registered and will give you a ballot paper. The staff can also help you understand how to fill out your ballot paper.

Supporters of the candidates (called Tellers) may stand outside the polling station and ask you for your name and address. Tellers help their parties to identify people who haven't yet voted so that they can be contacted and encouraged to vote. You do not have to speak to Tellers if you do not want to.

# Vote by post

If you are on the electoral register you can vote by post instead of going to a polling station on 3 May. To vote by post, you will need to complete a Postal Vote Application Form and return it to your Local Electoral Services Office. You can either download the application form at www.yourvotematters.co.uk or you can ask your Local Electoral Services Office to send you the form.

Your completed Postal Vote Application Form must be received by your Local Electoral Services Office no later than 5pm on Wednesday 18 April 2018.

If you are already registered as a postal voter, your voting pack and ballot paper will be sent to you around 16 April 2018.

When you receive your postal voting pack, please follow the instructions carefully. The completed ballot paper and postal voting statement should be placed in the return envelope in your pack. You must return your postal vote so that it reaches your Local Electoral Services Office by 10.00pm on Thursday 3 May 2018. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at any polling station in the electoral area up to 10.00pm on 3 May 2018.

# HOW YOU CAN VOTE

# Voting by proxy

If you are registered to vote but are unable to get to the polling station on Polling Day (3 May 2018), you can appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf.

If you would like to vote by proxy you will need to complete a Proxy Vote Application Form and return it to your Local Electoral Services Office. You must provide a reason for applying for a proxy vote and there are different application forms depending on the reason. You can find the right proxy vote application form for you at www. yourvotematters.co.uk or you can contact your Local Electoral Services Office for the correct form.

Your completed Proxy Vote Application Form must be received by your Local Electoral Services Office no later than 5pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018.

The person you appoint as your proxy must be aged 18 years or over and they must be registered to vote at the election. Please make sure that your proxy knows the candidate(s) you wish to vote for.

# Additional support

The Combined Authority Returning Officer and Local Returning Officers for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield are committed to making sure that everybody who wants to vote, and is eligible, can do so.

The majority of polling stations are accessible but if you have any doubts about access to your designated polling station you can contact your Local Electoral Services Office. Large print versions of ballot papers will be displayed in polling stations and tactile voting devices will be available for the assistance of voters with visual impairments.

The staff at the polling stations are fully trained and can provide additional assistance to voters. However, if you require any additional support to help you vote, please contact your Local Electoral Services Office.

# MORE INFORMATION

### Where to get more information

You can download the application forms for postal or proxy votes and read more about voting at **www.yourvotematters.co.uk** 

For more information about the Sheffield City Region and Mayoral Election, please visit **www.sheffieldcityregion.org.uk** 

The Local Electoral Services Office in the local authority area where you live can provide more information about registering to vote and applying for a postal or proxy vote. The contact details for the local offices are listed at the back of this booklet.

# Candidate Election Addresses

Please note that the content of each of the following pages relating to the candidates is the responsibility of the candidate themselves. The views expressed are theirs alone and cannot be attributed to the Combined Authority Returning Officer or any local authority.

The order in which the addresses of the candidates appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Authority Returning Officer.

# AN WALKER - A STRONG VOICE FOR THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION

I was born and bred in South Yorkshire, and have always tried to give something back to the community as a school governor, a director of NHS South Yorkshire and Chairman of Sheffield's Training and Enterprise Council (TEC).

But becoming Mayor for the Sheffield City Region provides a golden opportunity to find a champion for South Yorkshire — someone who can show this country, and the world what we are about and what we can do.

This role is about so much more than just allowing ourselves to be consumed into a wider Yorkshire devolution plan. This is about the Sheffield City Region and South Yorkshire now.

My experience of South Yorkshire shows me we need a vision on how Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield can work together for the greater good to improve all our prospects and prosperity.



We will never have a better chance to do so, with Government support and backing. I can already see improvements in places like Tees Valley and the West Midlands where Conservative mayors are making huge strides.

This election is about being a champion for South Yorkshire and showing how South Yorkshire can punch its weight not just in the United Kingdom, but across the world.

I can be that champion.







# O DELIVERING GROWTH

If elected, I pledge to bring investment from home and abroad to deliver the economic growth South Yorkshire needs. Making sure people have the rights skills is key to driving growth across the Sheffield City Region. I have a clear focus on driving forward and building on the number of apprentices we have here. I will work with the Government to secure investment for vital skills and education programmes. We have huge potential across Barnsleu. Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield, but we need to ensure it is not wasted through a lack of opportunity.



# KEEPING US CONNECTED

Our beautiful and diverse region needs a bus sustem to make sure we are all connected. I will look at how we can integrate a bus system across our four areas and all our different communities to benefit us all – economically and to improve social mobility. Whether you are

young or old, taking a bus can be a vital link to health, wellbeing and advancing in life. I will make sure Sheffield City Region has a bus programme to cut pollution, protect our environment and enable us to provide for everybody's needs.



# **SHOWCASING SOUTH**

In my professional life, I travel to manu different areas of the world, spreading the word about the benefits of working in South Yorkshire. More needs to be done to promote our region as not just a great place to work and do business, but a great place to live and enjoy. I want to become mayor to show everyone, in countries near and far, why they should come to South Yorkshire for business or pleasure – and how this is a wonderful place to be part of. For too long we have seen other parts of the country reap the benefits from people visiting and I pledge to ensure South Yorkshire's voice and presence is felt across the world.









# **Hannah Kitching**

# **Liberal Democrat mayoral candidate for South Yorkshire**

Hannah Kitching lives in Penistone with her husband James and their two young daughters. Hannah and James own a manufacturing business exporting around the world. Hannah will bring a fresh voice with business experience to South Yorkshire.

As our new mayor, Hannah Kitching will deliver:

- **Better transport -** Introducing London-style ticketing with daily price caps will make moving around South Yorkshire easier.
- **Better opportunities -** Offering guaranteed apprenticeships and training both for school leavers and those people in the workforce who need new skills will create an innovative and talented local workforce.
- **Better environment -** Let's work to make this a great place to live and drive inward investment by promoting green beautiful spaces with street trees to help keep our air clean.
- **Better business -** By creating a 'small business, big opportunities hub' we can boost business and build on our region's manufacturing reputation and promote new digital creative industries.
- **Better democracy -** By holding regular Q&A sessions and devolving decision making down to communities we can involve everyone with moving our South Yorkshire forward.

By giving Hannah Kitching your first choice vote on 3rd May you can give South Yorkshire a fresh voice with new opportunities.

**TRUTH** 

**TRANSPARENCY** 



# **VOTE MICK BOWER ON 3 MAY**



### WHAT IS THE YORKSHIRE PARTY?

The Yorkshire Party is a rapidly growing political party demanding an end to Westminster centred politics. Both Conservative and Labour incompetence has left Yorkshire lagging behind on almost every level. Only the Yorkshire Party is offering an ambitious vision to revive our democracy and investment in transport, health, jobs and our children's futures.

Yorkshire has a larger population than Scotland, an economy twice that of Wales but the powers of neither. By establishing a Yorkshire assembly we aim to build a stronger Yorkshire within a fairer United Kingdom.

# WHY DOES YOUR VOTE FOR THE YORKSHIRE PARTY MATTER?

Yorkshire Party campaigning last year forced Doncaster and Barnsley councils to hold a referendum between the unambitious Sheffield City Region or giving more powers to Yorkshire as a whole. Over 85% of voters backed a united Yorkshire. Yet the Westminster government and Sheffield Council refused to listen. Every vote for the Yorkshire Party is one more nail in the coffin of the weak Sheffield City Region and one more voice calling for more powers for a united Yorkshire.



for a stronger Yorkshire in a fairer United Kingdom



### IF ELECTED I WILL:

### **CAMPAIGN FOR ONE YORKSHIRE**

Doncaster and Barnsley voted against Sheffield City Region, it is weak, unambitious and divisive. Let Yorkshire work as one!

### **DONATE HALF MY SALARY**

to support youth organisation help children and young people in our community achieve their potential.

# **FIX SOUTH YORKSHIRE BUSES**

by introducing a South Yorkshire Oyster Card, fixed price 'hoppers' and make companies accept each other's tickets.

# **REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES**

through prioritising local firms over big business when awarding contracts and skills training funding.

# **TACKLE STREET HOMELESSNESS**

by working with grassroots community groups instead of funding those who profit from the misery of others.

On 3 May vote Mick Bower



@Yorkshire\_Party





yorkshireparty.org.uk







# Naveen Judah for Sheffield City Region Mayor

Sheffield - Barnsley - Rotherham - Doncaster

# Why is this election so important?

**Naveen Judah** is fighting for our NHS. His fight is symbolic of the struggle across the nation, against this government's plans that open up our precious NHS to private profit. Please help him become Sheffield Region City Mayor.

# About Naveen

Naveen is a pro NHS anti-privatisation candidate has a disabled son and first-hand experience of the NHS and social care. He is an accountant, and a tireless fighter for social justice. He will work together with those who want to stop the destruction of our public services, especially our NHS.

# Why Naveen is running

Our NHS and public services are being underfunded and sold off. Naveen believes in publicly owned, publicly funded, publicly delivered services. He will fight for these because they provide the best for everyone. Currently, the NHS in South Yorkshire is being dismantled secretly without involving the people of South Yorkshire.

The new system for running the NHS in South Yorkshire is called the **Shadow South Yorkshire and Bassettlaw Integrated Care System.** This is scheduled to commence in April 2018, to become permanent by April next year bringing the NHS closer to a complete **takeover** by private companies operating for **profit** and **not for patients.** 

NONE OF THE FOUR LABOUR-CONTROLLED COUNCILS HAVE OPPOSED THESE PLANS.

# The NHS is under Threat

# Why you should be worried

- £571 million of cuts in funding for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw NHS: COMING SOON
- Barnsley Hyper-acute stroke service: WILL CLOSE
- Rotherham Hyper-acute stroke service: WILL CLOSE
- Overnight stays for acutely ill children: WILL STOP
- Much children's surgery in 3 of 5 hospitals in 2018: WILL STOP
- South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw hospitals review has just started
  - services said to be unsustainable WILL BE CLOSED
- Sheffield minor injuries unit and city walk-in centre: TO CLOSE

In a recent survey of of adults in the Sheffield city region health care provision is the most important priority.

Source:http://www.centreforcities.org/sheffield-city-region/

# Why you should vote for Naveen

He will fight for our NHS and public services for you and your family. So much of the world that we live in impacts our health, and Naveen is passionate about :-

- Providing social housing
- Providing fair wages and terms of employment
- Providing decent education
- Providing proper policing
- Fighting for for the rights of women, who are worst affected by austerity
- Cheap public transport for all, including restoration of free local train travel for older people

"I will work with campaigning groups and organisations to stop and reverse cuts and privatisation. I will hold the decision makers to account and defend working conditions for the fantastic

NHS staff who are underpaid and face the daily challenge of working in a deliberately underfunded NHS".

NHS NOT FOR SALE

Vote for Naveen Judah

# David Allen English Democrats

I was born in Doncaster and have been based here all my life. I have an engineering and sales background and I am married with two daughters. I am a proud Yorkshireman but even prouder to be an Englishman. I campaigned and voted for England to leave the EU, just like majority of the people of South Yorkshire.

South Yorkshire in particular and also Yorkshire as a whole would be better served by an English national parliament that could fairly distribute taxpayer's money. The British government's various devolution arrangements for the UK have granted a national parliament for Scotland, and effectively the same for Wales and Northern Ireland. British establishment Remainers who hate the very idea of England, instead intend to break England up by forced 'regionalisation' against the will of our people. If elected I would do everything in my power to prevent the implementation of an EU Region by the anti-English Remainers within the British State and by local MPs!

Vote for me and I shall be a strong voice for England and I shall block the creation of a new tier of "Regional" government for the bogus EU Region of "Yorkshire and the Humber" - which includes part of North Lincolnshire and excludes parts of our traditional county!



We Want Our Country Back

**Putting England FIRST!** 

# Vote for David & the English Democrats

### **Brexit Means Brexit!**

The people of South Yorkshire voted overwhelmingly for Brexit. I guarantee to represent the democratically expressed wishes of the people in our desire for a meaningful and swift exit of the EU and regaining control of our borders, our laws and ending mass immigration.

# A Democratic English Government For England!

Scotland provides free university tuition through its parliament for Scots, yet Scottish MPs voted against English students having free tuition in England in the UK parliament - I will campaign for English rule in England!

# No To Regionalisation!

I will fight against the imposition of a bogus EU 'Yorkshire Region', which even includes parts of Lincolnshire.

### Common Sense Politics!

Political discussion and the delivery of services in South Yorkshire is blighted by political correctness. I would use the mayoralty to call for a return to common sense politics. I would also set up an official inquiry into the failings of the establishment with regard to the grooming scandal.

# **Home Rule For England!**

The people of South Yorkshire receive approximately £1700 per annum per person less than the Scots, £1180 less than the Welsh and £2200 less than the Northern Irish in funding as a result of the Barnett Formula. I will campaign to scrap that unfair anti-English bias!

For a FREE information pack, call:

0207 242 1066



Promoted by, for and on behalf of the candidate David Allen, of St Edmunds House, Anchorage Lane, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN5 8DT.





# ROB MURPHY

# **MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN**

This election is our opportunity for change. Instead of our area being left behind, we can build a better future for our children. We can put the public back in charge, mend broken transport links, build better energy saving homes and rebuild our economy.

I've worked on the shop-floor and in the boardroom, in old and new industries and in the public and private sectors. I am now the Speaker for the Greens on Sheffield Council and have the experience and the vision to get our area moving again. We need change. Together we can make it happen.

# **OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Local Government has to change. We need open, transparent, accountable management of the Combined Authority. I will work hard to listen to and represent residents. Shining a light on decision making and bringing public scrutiny to the role of mayor and the Combined Authority.

# **BETTER TRANSPORT**

I will fight for money to invest in public transport, better walking and segregated cycling routes to free up our roads. I will use new powers to make our buses regular, cleaner and a more reliable service for commuters and communities alike. I will resist HS2, calling instead for better local rail links, more stations and faster trains.

# **BETTER FOR BUSINESS**

We need change for local business. Small businesses and the self-employed invest more in the local economy, but are often neglected. I will be a friend of smaller, local enterprises, ensuring more government money is spent on training and giving young and old better opportunities. I'll work hard to make our economy more resilient and regenerate our town centres.

I will support a clean powered, healthy and sustainable economy, not damaging industries like Fracking.

# MAKE ROB YOUR FIRST CHOICE

At this election you get to vote twice - for your 1st choice and 2nd choice candidate. If you vote for a candidate who doesn't finish in the top two, your second vote will be counted instead.

Read our manifesto: http://www.robformayor.org.uk/

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# Vote Dan Jarvis for Mayor

After fifteen years serving in the Army, I became the first person since World War Two to leave and successfully contest a parliamentary by-election. I was elected as the Labour MP for Barnsley Central in 2011. I was awarded the MBE for service to our Armed Forces.

As an MP, I have worked tirelessly to help working people and I have a strong record of delivery for the people I represent. I have run campaigns on increasing the National Minimum Wage, reducing Child Poverty and changing the law on organ donation.

# If elected as your mayor, I will fight to deliver:

### Devolution that works for South Yorkshire

1 I will negotiate the best deal for the people of South Yorkshire on public services, investment and infrastructure, and campaign for a wider Yorkshire deal

# A 21st century workforce

I will secure more well-paid jobs for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield and ensure people have the skills and training they need

# Co-operative public services

I will put people back at the heart of public services and deliver bus services that are affordable, reliable, accessible and back under public control

# **Less poverty and inequality**

I will fight tirelessly to tackle injustice and inequality wherever I see it and make sure that our city region supports the many and not the few

### **Prosperity for all**

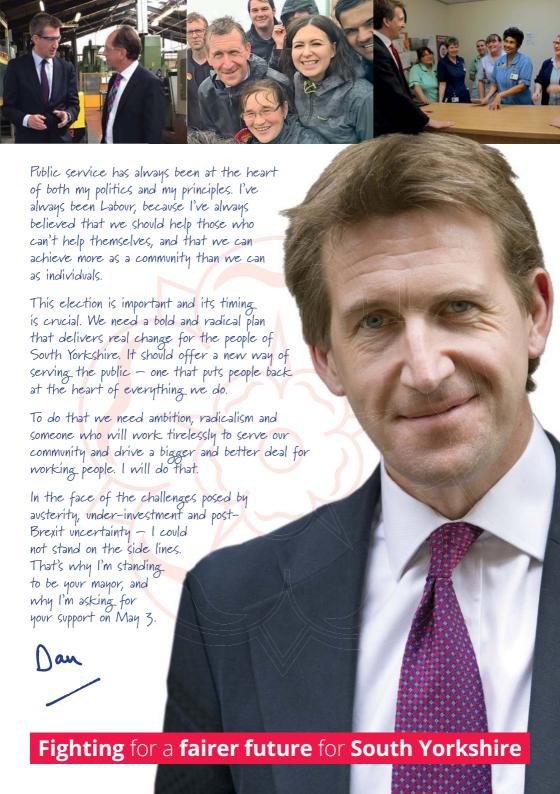
5 I will establish a more vibrant, successful and co-operative economy in South Yorkshire

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**%Labour** 

**Vote Labour 3 May** 



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