



# York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority mayoral election

**Thursday 2 May 2024**



**City** region  
**Rural** powerhouse  
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# Welcome from the Combined Authority Returning Officer

On Thursday 2 May 2024, electors in York and North Yorkshire will have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be the mayor of York and North Yorkshire until 2028.

As Combined Authority Returning Officer, I am responsible for the overall running of the mayoral election, and for liaising with and co-ordinating the work of Local Returning Officers within the combined authority area.

This booklet has been sent to every registered elector as required by law\*.

It includes:

- information about the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and the mayor's role;
- information about the election;
- an election address from each of the mayoral candidates.

Alternative formats and additional information can be requested by contacting [elections@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northyorks.gov.uk) or by getting in touch using the contact details on the back page of this booklet.

Your vote is important in deciding who the future mayor of York and North Yorkshire will be.



**Richard Flinton**

Combined Authority Returning Officer and  
Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council.

\*One booklet must be distributed to each registered elector. This booklet has been produced in accordance with The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

# Mayoral candidates

There are 6 candidates standing for the mayor of York and North Yorkshire.

All the candidates you can vote for on 2 May 2024 are listed in alphabetical order below. This is the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

Candidate Name	Description
Cunliffe-Lister, Felicity Clare	Liberal Democrats
Duncan, Keane Charles	The Conservative Party Candidate
Foster, Kevin	The Green Party candidate
Haslam, Paul	Independent
Skaith, David	Labour and Co-operative Party
Tordoff, Keith Graham	Independent

Each election address included in this booklet has been supplied by the candidate and the views expressed in their address are theirs alone.

The order in which the addresses of candidates appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Combined Area Returning Officer, in accordance with The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

# What is a combined authority and who is in charge?

A combined authority is where a group of councils work together across a larger area. The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has been created at the request of City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council.

The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority is a legally recognised, single body. Its role is to use some of the money and powers that up to now have been held by central government, and work with local leaders and communities to invest in ways that will help to make York and North Yorkshire a better place for you to live, work and do business.

The Combined Authority will be led by an elected mayor.

The York and North Yorkshire Mayor will chair the Combined Authority Board. The mayor will be joined on the board by:

- two councillors from City of York Council;
- two councillors from North Yorkshire Council;
- the chair of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Business Committee – this is an advisory role and the Business Committee Chair is not a voting member of the Combined Authority.

# How to register to vote

You've been sent this booklet because you are already registered to vote in this election. You don't need to re-register. There may, however, be other people in your household who are not currently registered, and they may find the following information helpful.

Voting is our democratic right and we want to make sure that everyone who is entitled to vote can vote.

To register to vote, you will need to:

1. Go to the government website **[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)**
2. Fill in your name, address, date of birth and other details as requested.
3. You will also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits. If you cannot find your National Insurance number, visit the government website.
4. Look out for a confirmation to say you are registered.

The last date to register to vote in this election is **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

If you are unable to register to vote online and need a paper form, contact the relevant Electoral Registration Officer (see contacts at the back of this booklet).

## Students

If you are a student, you may be able to register to vote at both your home address and your term-time address. Being registered at both your home address and your term-time addresses doesn't necessarily mean you get two votes. You will need to choose one address and vote in only that area when you are voting in Parliamentary elections and must only vote once in this election.

# How you can vote

Every registered elector will receive an official poll card before 2 May which will explain when, where and how to vote. Details of your polling station can be found on your poll card, or alternatively by contacting your local elections office.

You do not need to take your poll card with you in order to vote, but it may save time if you do. You can also find out where your polling station is located by visiting [www.wheredoivote.co.uk](http://www.wheredoivote.co.uk)

Once you are registered, you can decide how to vote. You can choose the easiest and most convenient way for you.

In the UK there are three different ways you can vote in an election: in person, by post or by proxy. By proxy means you ask someone you trust to cast your vote for you.

Everyone has a legal right to vote. My Vote, My Voice is an organisation which encourages people with learning disabilities and autistic people to vote. It has lots of useful information about voting. You can find out more at [www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk](http://www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk)

## Voting in person

On Thursday 2 May 2024, polling stations - usually a local hall or other public building such as a school in the area where you live – will be open from 7am to 10pm.

When you arrive at the polling station, tell the election staff your name and address. You can take your polling card with you. Please also show your photo ID when asked (please see the information about photo ID in the next section). If the staff at the polling station are satisfied with your photo ID, they will give you a ballot paper, which is a list of the people you can vote for. Follow the instructions on the notices in the polling booth and on the top of the ballot paper to vote. You can ask a member of staff at the polling station for help or refer to guidance in the polling station.

# Photo identification

You will need to show photo ID when voting in person on 2 May 2024.



The types of photo ID you can use to vote are listed here [www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need](http://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need) or scan this QR code using the camera app on your phone.

The photo on your ID must look like you. You can still use your ID even if it has expired.



If you do not have a type of photo ID that allows you to vote, you can apply for a free voter authority certificate at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate) or scan this QR code using the camera app on your phone.

The deadline to apply for free voter ID for this election is **24 April 2024 at 5pm**.

You will need a recent digital photo of yourself and your National Insurance number.

You can still apply if you do not have a National Insurance number, but you will need to provide other documents to prove your identity, for example a birth certificate, bank statement or utility bill.

You can also complete and post a paper form to our electoral services team. If you need help to complete the form, you can discuss this over the phone or make an appointment to come and speak to us in person – please see the contact details at the back of this booklet.

Other ways of voting if you can't vote in person are outlined on the next pages.

# Voting by post

You can vote by post if you can't or don't want to go to your polling station on election day.



Registering to vote by post is easy - you'll simply need to prove your identity. Apply for a new postal vote or cancel an existing one, before the deadline of **5pm on Wednesday 17 April** at [www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote) or please scan this QR code using the camera app on your phone.

If you have applied to vote by post, your postal ballot pack will be sent to you from **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

If you applied for a postal vote near to the deadline, your pack will arrive from 23 April 2024.

If you have not received your postal vote by Friday 26 April you can contact us for a replacement.

## Returning your postal vote

If you can, post it yourself. If you cannot do that, give it to somebody you know and trust to post it for you.

Do not hand it to a candidate or party worker, or leave it where someone else can pick it up.

If anyone tries to help you against your will, or forces you to give them your postal vote, you should contact the police.

If your postal vote arrives after voting closes, it will not be counted.

## There are some changes to handing in postal votes at a polling station

If you aren't able to post your postal vote in time, you can take it to your polling station or to your local council on polling day.

For this election, you will only be able to hand in your own postal vote, and the postal votes of up to five other people, at a polling station or council office and will now need to fill in a form when doing so.

Campaigners can only hand in their own postal vote, and postal votes for up to five other people that are either close relatives, or someone for whom they provide regular care.

These changes will also apply to UK Parliament elections, including by-elections and recall petitions, local elections and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

For more information visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote) or call their helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

# Voting by proxy

Proxy voting means that if you are not able to cast your vote in person, you can have someone you trust cast your vote for you. When you apply for a proxy vote you must provide a reason.

You can apply for a proxy vote if:

- you are unable to go to the polling station if you are away on holiday
- you have a physical condition that means you cannot go to the polling station
- your employment prevents you from voting at your polling station.

The person you wish to act as your proxy must be over the age of 18 and registered to vote.

You can apply for a proxy vote for a particular election – (applications for a particular election can only be submitted once the election has been officially announced) or for an indefinite period - if it is for an indefinite period, due to employment or disability, you can apply at any time.



The last date to apply for a proxy vote for this election is **Wednesday 24 April**. You can apply for a proxy vote here [www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote) or scan this QR code using the camera app on your phone.

There are different forms, depending on why you cannot get to the polling station - make sure you complete the right one.

## Frequently asked questions

### When will the mayoral election be held?

Polling day is Thursday 2 May. The count will take place on Friday 3 May.

### Who will be administering the election?

The constituent councils are North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council.

### Where will the counts take place?

Northallerton, Harrogate, Scarborough and York.

### Why has every voter in the household been sent a booklet?

The law says that everyone registered to vote must be sent their own copy so that they get a chance to see the booklet, who is standing for election and what the candidates are saying.

## The voting system – first past the post

You get one vote and the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected.

The votes for the Combined Authority mayoral election are being counted on Friday 3 May, which is when the result is intended to be declared.

You can find the results at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/elections](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/elections) and [www.york.gov.uk/elections](http://www.york.gov.uk/elections)

## The candidates

The following pages contain the candidates' addresses. The content is the responsibility of the candidate. The views expressed are theirs and cannot be attributed to the Combined Authority Returning Officer or York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.



# KEVIN FOSTER

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE MAYOR

*No gimmicks - just Kevin from Colburn*

## 1 EXPERIENCED

Kevin has a proven track record at Parish, Town, District, and County levels of local government. He leads the Greens at North Yorkshire Council and is proud to be the Armed Forces Champion. Outside council work, Kevin has almost 40 years' experience as a civil servant and saw active service as a military reservist.

## 2 HARD-WORKING

Kevin works hard all year round dealing with issues from his own division and across the region.

## 3 EFFECTIVE

Kevin has steered a successful opposition motion through North Yorkshire Council. It calls for better protection for rivers, water courses and the sea in our area.

### GET IN TOUCH



07854 161 630



kevin.foster@votegreen.uk



Councillor Kevin Foster

Kevin's priorities for the Mayor's £18m budget are:

### SECURING SUSTAINABLE JOBS

Promoting the area and a Circular Economy to create and retain good jobs, and to attract and grow innovative businesses.



### HOUSING

Championing affordable housing and easy-to-heat well-insulated homes with solar panels and other renewable energy sources.

### TRANSPORT

Investing in public transport so everyone can access education, employment and all the essential services without having to rely on cars.



### WINNING A FAIR SHARE FOR YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE

Kevin will bring all political parties together, working as a team to attract projects, new investment, and grants into the region.



# KEANE DUNCAN A MAYOR FOR OUR FUTURE



OR



A distant, remote mayor

Who overlooks North Yorkshire's  
towns and villages

And taxes you more

KEANE IS STANDING  
UP FOR PEOPLE OF  
EVERY GENERATION



IN EVERY CORNER OF YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE

Keane is on tour in his campervan 'Peggy', visiting **1,000 COMMUNITIES**  
in **100 DAYS** to show you matter and you won't be overlooked

AND EVERY  
BACKGROUND



FROM THE  
LANCASHIRE BORDER

TO SCARBOROUGH  
SEAFRONT

AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN



Our county is vast. But Keane will represent everybody in every single community.  
And unlike Labour mayors, he'll never tax you more.



SCAN ME

## KEANE'S PLAN

Scan the QR code or visit  
[KEANE4MAYOR.CO.UK](http://KEANE4MAYOR.CO.UK) to read more



'Half-price homes' for  
first-time buyers.



Tough policing. Extra  
officers. Visible patrols.



Millions extra for roads.  
New rail and bus services.  
£1 bus fares for under 22s.



Free parking for every  
town and city to boost  
our businesses.



[fb.com/Keane4Mayor](https://fb.com/Keane4Mayor)



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Conservatives

# VOTE INDEPENDENT

Keith Tordoff For Mayor York & North Yorkshire 2024

## I PLEDGE:

- To make North Yorkshire an economic powerhouse
- Provide affordable housing
- To improve transport links and connectivity
- To make North Yorkshire a safe place to live, work or visit
- To make North Yorkshire a world leader in sustainability, protecting its agricultural and fishing heritage



**VOTE  
KEITH  
TORDOFF  
FOR MAYOR**

## My Background:

- Retired Police Officer
- Bank Fraud Investigator
- Successful Businessman
- A track record of public service & delivering results for people in Yorkshire
- Awarded MBE for services to business & the community

**“A role which should be Independent”**



**KEITH TORDOFF MBE**

[www.keithtordoff4mayor.co.uk](http://www.keithtordoff4mayor.co.uk)

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## ---Important---

A message from Keith Tordoff MBE  
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

The newly elected mayor is a unique opportunity for you - the people of York & North Yorkshire - to determine your future and that of your families.

The politicians have promised and not delivered. I am an independent candidate with a proven track record in business and serving the community.

What I say I do. I will deliver on my pledges and make York & North Yorkshire an economic and environmental powerhouse.

Transport initiatives have been badly planned and poorly delivered. Time for integrated transport systems with free travel for all under 18 year olds.

It is time for affordable accommodation, delivering modern modular housing which is environmentally friendly and cheap to run.

I will appoint a Deputy Mayor who takes on the role of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and will keep politics out of the police and fire services.

Every crime complaint matters and will be investigated. Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. We will engage with young people and encourage them to join free clubs which will take them off the streets.

As an independent, I do not have to follow party political lines. I am asking you for your vote so I can be elected as the Mayor who will serve the people - NOT politicians.

I will be accountable to you with a promise of openness and transparency. Wherever possible, accountability meetings will be held throughout York & North Yorkshire and open to the public to attend.

Let me work for you and please entrust your vote to me.

Thank you

*Keith*



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# FELICITY CUNLIFFE-LISTER

Liberal Democrats

## FELICITY CUNLIFFE-LISTER

Liberal Democrat candidate for mayor of York and North Yorkshire

Dear neighbour

**Most people know me as the owner of Swinton Park in the Yorkshire Dales, a run-down castle I transformed into a luxury hotel that now employs 150 people.**

This experience of starting and growing a multimillion-pound business in our region will be invaluable to the role of mayor, which will be tasked with generating economic investment into York and North Yorkshire.

**But I want to go further than that.**

Last year, I had the honour of being elected as a Liberal Democrat councillor to North Yorkshire Council after winning a seat in the Conservatives' rural heartlands.

Being a councillor has fuelled my passion for tackling inequality and supporting everyone in our communities to live as securely, safely and happily as possible.

**My plan for York and North Yorkshire is focused on business - but puts results for residents at the heart of it.**

From improving skills to providing energy-efficient homes, a business-minded mayor who puts residents first can give our stunning region an even brighter future.

*Felicity*



[felicity4mayor.co.uk](http://felicity4mayor.co.uk) | [felicity@felicity4mayor.co.uk](mailto:felicity@felicity4mayor.co.uk)

### “ My vision for York and North Yorkshire

To be a thriving hub for investment, research and skills. To achieve carbon zero, be biodiverse and sustainable. To get our fair share - for central government to level up its funding and invest in our potential.

**For all residents to be able to live in a low carbon home they can afford, in a sustainable community, and on a salary that supports their family life and wellbeing.** ”



**Vote**  
**FOR A FRESH START**

**Vote**  
**DAVID SKAITH**

for Mayor of  
York and North Yorkshire

**On May 2nd, York and North Yorkshire will elect our first Mayor.**

I grew up here, I've started a small business here and now I'm raising my family here. This is my home.

**I'm standing in this election because our region deserves a strong champion fighting our corner. As your Mayor, I will always put York and North Yorkshire first.**

After 14 years of Conservative Government, our communities are worse off. But I have a plan to support residents with my cost of living recovery plan, to fight for better health services and to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.

**At this election, only Labour can beat the Conservatives.  
A vote for any other party is a vote for more of the same.**

I'm asking for your support so that together we can deliver a fresh start for York and North Yorkshire.

*David Skaith*

*Labour Candidate for  
York and North Yorkshire Mayor*

Find out more at  
[davidskaith.co.uk](http://davidskaith.co.uk)



**Vote  Labour**

**A FRESH START**

## DAVID'S PLAN

### FOR YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE



#### Deliver a cost of living recovery plan

by supporting families to put more money in your pocket, building affordable housing and boosting business.



#### Fight for more GP and dentist appointments

with better healthcare facilities for local neighbourhoods to help tackle soaring NHS waiting lists.



#### Tackle crime and antisocial behaviour

investing in our police to be tough on crime and tough on its causes across urban, rural and coastal areas alike.



#### Connect our communities with a new transport system

with affordable fares, new bus routes and a Mayor's Pothole Fund to make our roads better for all.



#### Champion York and North Yorkshire

to attract investment in our communities and always fighting for the best deal for our region.

#### A VALUE FOR MONEY MAYOR

I'm not a career politician. As a small business owner, I know how to balance the books. I'll always spend taxpayers' money wisely and get value for money.



I opened my small business in 2015.

SKAITH, David  
Labour and Co-operative Party



**Only David can beat  
the Conservatives**

**Vote  Labour**

**A FRESH START**

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# Paul Haslam

## FOR YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE



**Independent Candidate for Mayor of York & North Yorkshire**

### Let's shape our destiny and revitalise our region!

Central government has long neglected the North of England, but change is underway. The devolution of powers and funding to our new Combined Authority marks a significant opportunity for us to shape our future, ensuring benefits for all and leaving no one behind.

As your Mayor, I promise to deliver a robust economy, improved job opportunities, better public transport, more affordable housing (from brownfield sites), and an enhanced environment.

I will be a strong voice promoting our region, attracting both public and private investment into infrastructure and industry.

This strategy is not about quick fixes, although they are sometimes needed, but setting a sustainable direction for the next 30 years. For this reason alone choosing your first Mayor is very important.

This future must be set on firm foundations that we all agree on in order for us to succeed.

I run my own management consultancy with international clients. I hold an MBA from Manchester Business School. For the last 10 years I have been a Councillor. I have the experience, business acumen and a record of delivery.

**X Vote Paul Haslam**  
Your Independent Candidate  
**on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

[www.haslam4mayor.com](http://www.haslam4mayor.com)

#### Transport & connectivity

- Deliver a bespoke public transport service – reliable, convenient, clean, fairly priced, and a pleasure to travel on
- Expand the train network – new stations e.g. Haxby, Claro Road, East Knarborough
- Balance the local transport plan – support active travel, public transport, and car use with a focus on safe shared spaces
- Implement safe cycling and walking routes – connect schools, workplaces, public transport hubs and shopping areas
- Enhance road safety for all users, committing to Vision Zero to eliminate fatalities and injuries on our roads

#### Sustainable Economic Development – creating great jobs

- Prioritise farming, food production and agritech – Food security will become increasingly important. Farmers are key – supporting them, as custodians of our countryside, as they transition to new ways of farming
- Drive investment into a wide range of industries including manufacturing, rail and bus innovation, creative and digital, medical and health technology, biotechnology, renewable energy, homes retrofitting and tourism
- Promote innovation, and support research and development
- Create well paid jobs by delivering a highly skilled workforce by providing reskilling and upskilling centres

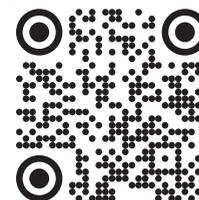
#### Security – a safe place to live and do business

- Combat violence against women and girls
- Tough on rural crime
- Tackle the growth areas of cybercrime, fraud and online grooming
- Protect our community from drugs, serious crime and organised criminal activities
- Challenge Anti-Social Behaviour
- Invest in the Fire & Rescue service to meet the evolving hazards of fire and flooding across the region

#### Protecting the environment

- All policies support the mitigation of climate change, wherever relevant
- Commit to York and North Yorkshire's Route Map to Carbon Negative
- Transition to a Circular Economy to create a "waste free" York and North Yorkshire
- Water management, although not a direct responsibility, needs scrutiny as it can pose a health threat, cripple infrastructure, damage homes and endanger food production

**As an Independent Mayor, free from party shackles, I'm committed to fighting for York & North Yorkshire's best interests.**



Please get involved and consider supporting me on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Paul Haslam  
Independent Mayoral Candidate for York & North Yorkshire.

Scan for my full manifesto

# Electoral Registration Officer contact details

## Constituent Councils



Electoral Services, West Offices,  
Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

Email: [electoral.services@york.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@york.gov.uk)

Phone: **01904 551007**

[www.york.gov.uk/elections](http://www.york.gov.uk/elections)



Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Rotary  
Way, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

Email: [elections@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northyorks.gov.uk)

Phone: **0300 131 2 131** (please  
say 'Election' when prompted)

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