

Roles and Functions of Elected Members

3.1 Composition and eligibility

(a) **Composition.** The Council will comprise 60 members, otherwise called councillors. Three councillors will be elected by the voters of each ward in accordance with a scheme drawn up by the Electoral Commission and approved by the Secretary of State.

(b) **Eligibility.** In general terms, only registered voters of the City of Westminster or those living or working there, who have reached 18 years of age, will be eligible to hold the office of councillor. (The detailed rules for qualification are set out in Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972).

3.2 Election and terms of office of councillors

Election and terms. The regular election of councillors will be held on the first Thursday in May every four years. The next elections are due on 5 May 2022. The terms of office of councillors will start on the fourth day after being elected and will finish on the fourth day after the date of the next regular election.

3.3 Roles and functions of all Councillors

(a) **Key roles.** All councillors will:

- (i) collectively be the ultimate policy-makers and carry out a number of strategic and corporate management functions;
- (ii) contribute to the good governance of the area and actively encourage community participation and citizen involvement in decision making;
- (iii) effectively represent the interests of their ward and of individual constituents;
- (iv) respond to constituents' enquiries and representations, fairly and impartially;
- (v) participate in the governance and management of the Council; and
- (vi) maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics.

(b) **Rights and duties**

- (i) Councillors will, subject to statute and the Council's Constitution, have such rights of access to such documents, information, land and buildings of the Council as are necessary for the proper discharge of their functions and in accordance with the law.

- (ii) Councillors will not make public information which is confidential or exempt without the consent of the Council or divulge information given in confidence to anyone other than a councillor or officer entitled to know it.
- (iii) For these purposes, "confidential" and "exempt" information is defined in the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

3.4 Conduct

Councillors will at all times observe the Members' Code of Conduct and the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations set out in Chapter 7 of this Constitution.

3.5 Allowances

Councillors will be entitled to receive allowances in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme set out in Chapter 11 of this Constitution.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER
RETURN OF COUNCILLORS

Abbey Road	Lindsey Hall	(Conservative)
	Peter Freeman	(Conservative)
	Judith Warner	(Conservative)
Bayswater	Maggie Carman	(Labour)
	Richard Elcho	(Conservative)
	Emily Payne	(Conservative)
Bryanston and Dorset Square	Barbara Arzymanow	(Conservative)
	Richard Beddoe	(Conservative)
	Eoghain Murphy	(Conservative)
Church Street	Aicha Less	(Labour)
	Matt Noble	(Labour)
	Aziz Toki	(Labour)
Churchill	Murad Gassanly	(Conservative)
	Shamim Talukder	(Labour)
	Vacant	
Harrow Road	Ruth Bush	(Labour)
	Guthrie McKie	(Labour)
	Tim Roca	(Labour)
Hyde Park	Heather Acton	(Conservative)
	Ian Adams	(Conservative)
	Antonia Cox	(Conservative)
Knightsbridge and Belgravia	Tony Devenish	(Conservative)
	Elizabeth Hitchcock	(Conservative)
	Rachael Robathan	(Conservative)
Lancaster Gate	Susie Burbridge	(Conservative)
	Margot Bright	(Conservative)
	Andrew Smith	(Conservative)
Little Venice	Melvyn Caplan	(Conservative)
	Lorraine Dean	(Conservative)
	Matthew Green	(Conservative)
Maida Vale	Geoff Barraclough	(Labour)
	Rita Begum	(Labour)
	Nafsika Butler-Thalassis	(Labour)

Marylebone High Street	Iain Bott	(Conservative)
	Ian Rowley	(Conservative)
	Karen Scarborough	(Conservative)
Queen's Park	Paul Dimoldenberg	(Labour)
	Patricia McAllister	(Labour)
	Hamza Taouzzale	(Labour)
Regent's Park	Gotz Mohindra	(Conservative)
	Robert Rigby	(Conservative)
	Paul Swaddle OBE	(Conservative)
St James's	Louise Hyams	(Conservative)
	Tim Mitchell	(Conservative)
	Mark Shearer	(Conservative)
Tachbrook	Jim Glen	(Conservative)
	Angela Harvey	(Conservative)
	James Spencer	(Conservative)
Vincent Square	Danny Chalkley	(Conservative)
	David Harvey	(Conservative)
	Selina Short	(Conservative)
Warwick	Nickie Aiken	(Conservative)
	Jacqui Wilkinson	(Conservative)
	Christabel Flight	(Conservative)
Westbourne	David Boothroyd	(Labour)
	Adam Hug	(Labour)
	Papya Qureshi	(Labour)
West End	Timothy Barnes	(Conservative)
	Jonathan Glanz	(Conservative)
	Pancho Lewis	(Labour)