

# Media information pack

Local election: Thursday 3 May 2012



This pack includes information for the 2012 Cambridge city local election.

Please read the media arrangements sections on pages 2 - 4 carefully before attending the count.

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## Media arrangements

### ***Media pass***

Included in this pack is a media pass wristband. This must be worn at all times for access into and around the Guildhall. If you cannot show security your wristband, you will be refused entry to the Guildhall.

Please also bring photo ID with you as security may ask to see it.

### ***Timing***

Please arrive at the Guildhall (Guildhall Street entrance) between 21:30 and 22:00. Security officers will be manning the doors and you will only be allowed in if you have your media pass wristband with you.

Please make your way to the large hall balcony on the second floor where you'll be met by Melanie Butcher and Ashley Perry.

The Guildhall will close 30 minutes after the final local election result has been announced. Please ensure you vacate the building promptly after the elections.

### ***Parking***

The Grand Arcade is the closest car park to the Guildhall. The postcode for this car park is CB2 3QJ. Parking charges are available on the council website [cambridge.gov.uk](http://cambridge.gov.uk)

## ***Media facilities***

### **Large hall balcony**

The large hall balcony will be the base for all media. The members' room on the first floor will also be available, with a TV.

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## **Refreshments**

The Green Coffee Company will be open during Thursday night and will be serving hot drinks and food. The cafe is on the ground floor on the Peas Hill side of the Guildhall.

## **Toilets**

Toilets will be signposted but are on the ground floor near the Guildhall Street entrance.

## **Smoking**

There is no smoking in the Guildhall.

## **Fire procedure**

In the event of a fire alarm being activated, you must leave the Guildhall immediately through the nearest usable exit – please familiarise yourself with the escape routes which will be highlighted on posters around the balcony area.

Please congregate at the junction of Great St Mary's Passage and King's Parade so we can check against the attendance list that everyone has been accounted for.

## ***Equipment***

Any technical requirements need to be discussed with Jim Stocker in advance and he will try to accommodate your requirements. It may be possible for you to set up in the large hall balcony on Wednesday 2 May. The large hall balcony will be locked but we can take no responsibility for loss or damage of any equipment.

Please contact Jim Stocker on 01223 457351 or email [jim.stocker@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:jim.stocker@cambridge.gov.uk)

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## ***Attendance at the count***

The Representation of the People Act 1983, requires that those attending the count maintain the secrecy of the ballot process and do not obstruct the count. This means you are not allowed to film or photograph individual ballot papers showing how an individual has voted. You are also not allowed to communicate results from the count until they have been announced by the returning officer.

## **Filming and photography**

Melanie and Ashley will escort you to the count floor before the counting begins to photograph or film some of the early ballot boxes being up-ended on the count desks. You will have a short time to take more photographs and to film. You will then be escorted from the count floor back to the balcony area.

***The returning officer has given strict instructions that media representatives will not be able to enter the count floor at any other time during the count.***

Photography and filming is permitted elsewhere in the Guildhall including from the balcony area.

Any unauthorised access to the count floor will result in security being notified and individuals being asked to leave the Guildhall.

## **Interviews**

If you'd like to interview candidates please let Melanie or Ashley know on the night. They will ask the candidate if they are happy to be interviewed. If they are, the interview will take place on the large hall balcony or in a corridor or office.

Party agents may be able to arrange interviews with their candidates in advance. Agent details are in the sections that follow.

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## The election process

### ***Polling stations***

Forty-three polling stations throughout Cambridge will be open from 07:00 until 22:00.

### ***Ballot boxes***

Immediately after the polls close, the presiding officer from each station will return the sealed ballot boxes to the Guildhall. Separate arrangements are made for verifying postal votes, including those handed in at polling stations. All postal vote ballot papers are added to those from the ballot boxes to be counted.

### ***Verifying and counting ballots***

There are two stages to the count. Stage one is where the counters verify that all ballot boxes hold the correct number of ballot papers. Stage two is when the ballot papers are sorted into candidate votes.

The verification and then the count of local election ballots will begin at approximately 22:15.

### ***Results***

Results will be announced as they are verified throughout the night. The final result is expected around 03:00 on Friday 4 May. If a recount of any ward is called, the result for that ward will be delayed. Antoinette Jackson, returning officer and Cambridge City Council chief executive, will announce the results.

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## Cambridge City Council Elections 2012

### List of candidates

*\* Denotes sitting councillor seeking re-election*

#### Abbey

Surname	First Names	Party
BIRKIN	William John	Green
BROWN	Christopher John	Liberal Democrat
HAIRE	Timothy James	Conservative
JOHNSON	Richard	Labour & Co-operative

#### Arbury

Surname	First Names	Party
JAMES	Rhodri Mark	Liberal Democrat
LAWRENCE	Stephen Roger	Green
MEFTAH	Ali	Conservative
TODD-JONES*	Mike	Labour & Co-operative

#### Castle

Surname	First Names	Party
HIPKIN*	John	Independent
LEVY	Alan	Liberal Democrat
PANDIT	Nikesh Anil	Conservative
TOYE	Jack Benjamin	Green
WALSH	Ashley	Labour

#### Cherry Hinton

Surname	First Names	Party
DRYDEN*	Robert	Labour
EDKINS	Keith	Liberal Democrat
OZTURK	Angela	Conservative

#### Coleridge

Surname	First Names	Party
BARKER	Sam	Conservative
ESGATE	Shaun Peter	Green
OWERS*	George	Labour & Co-operative
YATES	Thomas Spencer	Liberal Democrat

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## East Chesterton

Surname	First Names	Party
ABBOTT	Margery	Labour
BURKINSHAW	Peter	UK Independence (UKIP)
FRANCIS	Kevin	Conservative
MORRIS	Tony	Liberal Democrat
POPE	Peter Harry	Green

## Kings Hedges

Surname	First Names	Party
GAWTHROPE	Nigel	Labour
KARIMI	Anette	Conservative
McGOVERN*	Neil Michael	Liberal Democrat
TYES	Ian	United People's

## Market

Surname	First Names	Party
BICK*	Tim	Liberal Democrat
HUGHES	Brett Mark	Green
KAVANAGH	Noel	Labour
TURNHAM	Edward James Anthony	Conservative

## Newnham

Surname	First Names	Party
ALDRIDGE	Billy	Green
BEAUMONT	Andre Leslie	Conservative
CAIN	Sarah	Labour
REID*	Sian	Liberal Democrat

## Petersfield

Surname	First Names	Party
BILLINGTON	Sandra	Green
MARCHANT-DAISLEY*	Gail	Labour
O'CONNELL	Zoë Imogen	Liberal Democrat
PATRICK	Peter	Conservative

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## Queen Edith's

Surname	First Names	Party
BIRTLES	Sue	Labour & Co-operative
JEFFS	Richard Graham	Conservative
LAWSON	Martin	Green
TAYLOR*	Amanda Joan	Liberal Democrat

## Romsey

Surname	First Names	Party
ECKERSLEY	Rachel	Labour
SALWAY	Philip	Conservative
SMART*	Catherine Helen Lindsay	Liberal Democrat
WOODCOCK	Tom	Cambridge Socialists

## Trumpington

Surname	First Names	Party
AL BANDER*	Salah	Liberal Democrat
GALLOWAY	Ceri Barbara	Green
LATUNDE-DADA	Kenny	Labour
MEFTAH	Shapour	Conservative

## West Chesterton

Surname	First Names	Party
PERKINS	Oliver Charles Mathew	Green
PITT	Mike	Liberal Democrat
SARGEANT	Mike	Labour
STRACHAN	James Andrew	Conservative



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## *How to contact party election agents*

### Cambridge Socialists

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Andrew Osbourne	07855 717026 <a href="mailto:ozzy@strawberry-fair-org.uk">ozzy@strawberry-fair-org.uk</a>	Tom Woodcock	Romsey

### Conservative

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Timothy Haire	07588 381439 <a href="mailto:tjh29@live.co.uk">tjh29@live.co.uk</a>	All conservative party candidates except Queen Edith's	All areas except Queen Edith's
Stephen Frost	07710 436672 <a href="mailto:stephen@sccf.org.uk">stephen@sccf.org.uk</a>	Richard Jeffs	Queen Edith's

### Green

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Stephen Lawrence	01223 564373 <a href="mailto:singingstephen@ntlworld.com">singingstephen@ntlworld.com</a>	Green Party candidates	Arbury, Castle, Coleridge, East Chesterton, Newnham, Petersfield, Queen Edith's, Trumpington & West Chesterton
Simon Sedgewick-Jell	07863 914823 <a href="mailto:ssjell@hotmail.co.uk">ssjell@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Green party candidates	Abbey & Market

### Labour

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Christine Freeman	07900 336270 <a href="mailto:chris.freeman@freeuk.com">chris.freeman@freeuk.com</a>	All Labour party candidates	All areas

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## Liberal Democrats

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Luke Richards	07801 576901 <a href="mailto:luke.richards@cambridgelibdems.org.uk">luke.richards@cambridgelibdems.org.uk</a>	All Liberal Democrat party candidates except Queen Edith's	All areas except Queen Edith's
Samuel Bailey	07592 726292 <a href="mailto:sam@cambslibdems.org.uk">sam@cambslibdems.org.uk</a>	Amanda Taylor	Queen Edith's

## UK Independence Party

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Peter Burkinshaw	01223 464680 <a href="mailto:peter_burkinshaw@hotmail.com">peter_burkinshaw@hotmail.com</a>	Candidate is own agent	East Chesterton

## United People's Party

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
Ian Tyes	<a href="mailto:bubblyian@gmail.com">bubblyian@gmail.com</a>	Candidate is own agent	King's Hedges

## Independent

Name	Contact	Acting for	Ward
John Hipkin	01223 564126 <a href="mailto:johnhipkin@gmail.com">johnhipkin@gmail.com</a>	Candidate is own agent	Castle

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## *Register of electors summary*

Ward	Electorate entitled to vote at city council elections
ABBEY	6,684
ARBURY	6,722
CASTLE	6,597
CHERRY HINTON	6,368
COLERIDGE	6,581
EAST CHESTERTON	6,702
KING'S HEDGES	6,327
MARKET	6,421
NEWNHAM	6,654
PETERSFIELD	6,180
QUEEN EDITH'S	6,515
ROMSEY	6,555
TRUMPINGTON	5,910
WEST CHESTERTON	6,138

**TOTAL**

90,354

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## ***Local election previous results***

This section gives an overview of the last 8 results in Cambridge city local elections. Cambridge City Council has 42 seats.

### **2003 city council election results**

The Liberal Democrats took 40% of the vote, Labour 27%, the Conservatives 22% and the Green Party 9%. The UK Independence Party and Socialist Alliance polled below 1% each.

Overall impact	Liberal Democrats	26 seats
	Labour	14 seats
	Conservative	2 seats
	Turnout	30.7%

### **2004 city council election results**

The Liberal Democrats took 40% of the vote, Labour 26%, Green Party 15%, Conservatives 22%, UKIP 2% and Independent 1%.

Overall impact	Liberal Democrats	28 seats
	Labour	13 seats
	Conservatives	1 seat
	Turnout	37%

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## 2006 city council election results

The Liberal Democrats took 38% of the votes; Labour 25%; Conservatives 22%; Green Party 13%; UKIP 1%; and Respect 0.4%.

Overall impact	Labour:	13 seats
	Liberal Democrats:	29 seats
	Turnout:	34.7%

## 2007 city council election results

The Liberal Democrats took 34% of the votes; Labour 26%; Conservatives 24%; Green Party 13%; UKIP 1%; and Respect 1%.

Overall impact	Labour	13 seats
	Liberal Democrats	29 seats
	Turnout	34.6%

## 2008 city council election results

The Liberal Democrats took 32.8% of the votes; Labour 25.7%; Conservatives 25%; Green Party 11.4%; Independent 3.4%; UKIP 0.6%; Socs 1.1%.

Overall impact	Liberal Democrat	28 seats
	Labour	11 seats
	Conservative	1 seat
	Green	1 seat
	Independent	1 seat
	Turnout	34.5%

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## 2010 city council election results

The Liberal Democrats took 37.8% of the votes; Labour 22.2%; Conservatives 22.5%; Green Party 16%; UKIP 0.4%; Cambridge Socialists 1.1%.

Overall impact	Liberal Democrat	29 seats
	Labour	9 seats
	Conservative	1 seats
	Green	2 seats
	Independent	1 seat
	Turnout	63.9%

## November 2010 city council by-election Coleridge ward result

For this seat, Labour took 44% of the votes; Conservatives 36%; Liberal Democrats 11%; Green Party 7%; UKIP 3%.

## 2011 city council election results

Labour took 36% of the votes; Liberal Democrats 27%; Conservatives 21%; Green Party 15%; Cambridge Socialists 1%; UKIP less than 1%; Independents less than 1%.

Overall impact	Liberal Democrat	25 seats
	Labour	14 seats
	Green	2 seats
	Independent	1 seat
	Turnout	44.6%

## Current make up of the council

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## Legalities

### ***Representation Of The People Act, 1983***

SECTION 66, SUBSECTIONS 2 AND 6

[...]

(2) Every person attending at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not –

ascertain or attempt to ascertain at the counting of the votes the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of any ballot paper;  
communicate any information obtained at the counting of the votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given on a particular ballot paper.

[...]

6) If a person acts in contravention of this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months.