

## **Citizens UK: Birmingham Assembly 2021 6pm-8pm | Thursday 25 March 2021 | Online**

### **Our basis for candidate invitations**

There are six candidates who have said they will or intend to stand for election to be our region's next Mayor on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

They are (in alphabetical order):

1. Liam Byrne for Labour & Co-operative Party
2. Steve Cauldwell for the Green Party
3. Ashvir Sangha for Independent
4. Andy Street for Conservative Party
5. Tim Weller for Independent
6. Jenny Wilkinson for Liberal Democrats

There are four candidates who have said they will or intend to stand for election to be our region's next Police & Crime Commissioner on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

They are (in alphabetical order):

1. Simon Foster for Labour Party
2. Julie Hambleton for Independent
3. Jon Hunt for Liberal Democrats
4. Jay Singh-Sohal for Conservative Party

There may possibly be more candidates as the deadline to register ends on the 8th of April.

For impartial reasons, we have invited only two of the candidates for each regional election to our Assembly: Andy Street, Liam Byrne, Jay Singh-Sohal and Simon Foster.

These candidates were chosen after looking at how parties have performed in recent elections. In general, a substantial majority of seats at every level of local and national government which are subject to election by voters within West Midlands constituencies have won in recent elections by Labour and Conservative party candidates.

Our schedule includes contributions from leaders in our member institutions and most speaking for the first time, so we have taken account of the practical necessity to limit candidate numbers for two elections at a single private event.

The aim of our Assembly is to seek commitments of the offices of the next regional Mayor and Police & Crime Commissioner and to build our relationship with them, we have therefore concluded the candidates' likely success in the election, judged on objective considerations, is a legitimate and relevant basis for the invitations.