

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001120
Date 8 May 2017

Mayoral Election Count

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request more detailed information relating to the West Midlands mayoral election and the count conducted on 5 May 2017.

Can you please provide counts of votes given to each candidate in the first round and second round, broken down by each polling district or electoral ward in Wolverhampton. I understand that during the count these numbers will have been recorded before being totalled and sent to the Combined Authority Returning Officer.

This information is in addition to the local authority total published at <http://www.wmcaelects.co.uk/results/>

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold some of the above information in the category you are requesting as a number of wards include postal vote data which is not ward specific. This is because we aggregate all the postal votes for the City and share them out across a number of tables hence where a ward includes postal votes, the results are not a representation of the local vote in that area.

Consequently, we are unable to provide some of the information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can provide you a table (provided on page 3) which shows a breakdown of ward results from last week's Mayoral election which include postal vote data – which is not ward specific which we hope you will find useful.

With reference to your above questions, please find information provided on page three.

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Please note that the information provided showing the breakdown of ward results from last week's Mayoral election is not ward specific as it also includes postal vote data. Therefore where a ward includes postal votes, the results are not a representation of the local vote in that area.

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Summary of results by ward

	FIRST STAGE RESULTS									SECOND STAGE RESULTS			
	Verified ballot papers	Incl. postal ballot papers	James BURN	Pete DURNELL	Beverley NIELSEN	Sion SIMON	Graham STEVENSON	Andy STREET	Transferred to spoils table	Sion SIMON	Andy STREET	Other candidates	Transferred to spoils table
Bilston East	1306	0	42	136	54	730	12	312	20	68	57	83	36
Bilston North	2171	838	91	168	90	1039	36	708	39	110	98	141	36
Blakenhall	2347	0	54	51	79	1598	29	449	87	51	28	92	42
Bushbury North	2447	985	83	219	101	945	26	1042	31	92	135	166	36
Bushbury South & LH	1982	879	78	141	86	1033	20	588	36	95	63	127	40
East Park	2069	942	82	193	93	998	33	638	32	93	98	165	45
Ettingshall	1981	0	54	72	79	1346	36	344	50	59	34	84	64
Fallings Park	2305	962	64	141	89	956	24	1006	25	90	86	134	8
Graiseley	2838	967	137	152	110	1506	43	843	47	140	87	184	31
Heath Town	2336	969	117	188	110	1145	46	693	37	122	92	196	51
Merry Hill	2792	822	133	125	128	1043	32	1296	35	131	93	162	32
Oxley	2376	979	84	204	76	1034	26	928	24	94	89	179	28
Park	2050	0	112	41	150	1060	38	617	32	129	59	134	19
Penn	2438	0	121	70	136	925	35	1110	41	112	96	132	22
Spring Vale	2293	893	81	206	101	961	19	889	36	97	106	176	28
St Peter's	1462	0	65	58	63	1048	13	178	37	66	26	73	34
Tettenhall Regis	3060	1062	113	188	138	900	32	1663	26	119	143	172	37
Tettenhall Wightwick	2143	0	89	68	115	459	15	1363	34	104	70	99	14
Wednesfield North	2202	1000	89	252	79	831	26	894	31	100	126	167	53
Wednesfield South	2410	1018	92	227	103	987	26	948	27	114	117	186	31
Rejected ballots table	0	0	13	11	10	50	3	32	0	10	9	16	0
TOTALS	45,008	12,316	1,794	2,911	1,990	20,594	570	16,541	727	1,996	1,712	2,866	687