

APPENDIX

Voter ID Pilot, 3 May 2018

Frequently asked Questions

What ID can I bring?

To vote at a polling station in London Borough Bromley on 3 May 2018 you **must** take either **one** of the following:

- a passport issued by the United Kingdom, a Commonwealth country or a member state of the European Union
- a photocard driving licence (including a provisional licence) issued in the United Kingdom or by a Crown Dependency, or by a member State of the European Union
- an electoral identity card issued under section 13C (electoral identity card: Northern Ireland) of the Representation of the People Act 1983
- a biometric immigration document issued in the United Kingdom in accordance with regulations made under section 5 of the UK Borders Act 2007
- an identity card issued in the European Economic Area
- an Oyster 60+ London Pass
- a Freedom Pass (London)
- a PASS scheme card (national proof of age standards scheme)

Or **two** of the following (**one** of which **must** show your registered address):

- a valid bank or building society debit card or credit card
- a poll card for the poll
- a driving licence (including a provisional licence) which is not in the form of a photocard.
- a birth certificate
- a marriage or civil partnership certificate
- an adoption certificate
- a firearms certificate granted under the Firearms Act 1968
- the record of a decision on bail made in respect of the voter in accordance with section 5(1) of the Bail Act 1976
- a bank or building society cheque book
- a mortgage statement dated within 3 months of the date of the poll
- a bank or building society statement dated within 3 months of the date of the poll
- a credit card statement dated within 3 months of the date of the poll
- a utility bill dated within 3 months of the date of the poll
- a council tax demand letter or statement dated within 12 months of the date of the poll
- a Form P45 or Form P60 dated within 12 months of the date of the poll

My passport/photo driving licence has expired. Can I still use it?

Yes - as long as there is still a good likeness between the photo and the elector, expired passports and photo driving licences can be used.

My driving licence refers to my previous address. Can I use it?

Yes - as long as there is still a good likeness between the photo and the elector, it can still be used. The check in the polling station is to confirm the identity of the elector.

What if I cannot provide any of the ID listed above?

You can apply for a postal vote or a proxy vote **or** you can apply for a Certificate of Identity.

To apply for a Certificate of Identity you will need to complete an application form which will be available from 27 March 2018 **either** to download from this page **or** from Main Reception, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH.

Applications must be made in writing and include:

- the applicants full name
- the applicants registered address
- confirmation that the applicant would not be able to provide any of the documents listed above
- the date of the application
- a declaration by the applicant that the information provided in the application is true

The application must include an attestation in writing from a person of good standing in the community (examples are given on the form) and

- confirm that the applicant is the person named in the application.
- be signed by a person who the Returning Officer is satisfied is
 1. of good standing in the community
 2. registered as an elector in an electoral area in England and Wales
 3. is not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant and
 4. has not already signed an attestation for or two or more applicants
- It should state the full name, date of birth, address, electoral number and occupation of the person signing the attestation
- State the date on which it is made

Completed applications must be submitted **in person** at Main Reception, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH by 5pm on Wednesday 2 May 2018.

Upon receipt of a successful application, a Certificate of Identity will be provided to the applicant for them to take to the Polling Station to enable them to vote.

What if I am acting as a proxy for someone else?

You, as the proxy, need to take **your** ID to the polling station. You do not need to take the elector's ID.

What is the procedure in the Polling Station?

- Go to the desk and give your ID to the staff
- Tell the staff your name and address and if your ID is acceptable, they will issue you with a ballot paper
- Take your ballot paper to the voting booth
- Read the instructions in the booth and mark your ballot paper
- When you have marked your ballot paper, fold it so that nobody can see how you have voted
- Put your folded ballot paper into the ballot box
- If you need any help, please ask the staff

How is Bromley Council going to inform people about the ID requirements?

It is essential that every eligible elector is made aware of the requirement to identify themselves before they can vote. They will be made aware of the need to do so by an extensive public awareness raising campaign designed and delivered by the Local Authority in partnership with the Cabinet Office and Electoral Commission.

What happens if people don't have ID? Will they be turned away?

The Cabinet Office is working with local authorities to make sure every eligible elector knows that they need to bring ID to a polling station to vote - there will be extensive and tailored awareness raising campaigns in each pilot authority and care will be taken to ensure that electors are able to provide adequate identification. If they are unable to do so they will not be able to vote.

What happens if I have a postal vote?

There is no change to the postal voting process. When you apply for a postal vote you provide 'personal identifiers' (a specimen of your signature and your date of birth) and these are used to confirm your identity when you complete your postal vote.

Why is Bromley taking part, but not other neighbouring local authorities?

The opportunity to pilot voter ID in May 2018 was offered on a number of occasions to all local authorities in Great Britain and a number have committed to do so.

How much will it cost and who is paying?

The pilots are being conducted to identify the exact impact of voter ID, including its cost, before it is introduced nationally. The additional costs will be fully funded by Cabinet Office.