

# SELECTION RULES FOR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY CANDIDATES

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## 1. Introduction

1. The Regional Executive of London Liberal Democrats (“the Regional Executive”) has adopted these rules (“the GLA Rules”). The GLA Rules operate within the context of the Regional, State and Federal Constitutions, and all other rules made under them, in particular the Rules for the Selection of Parliamentary Candidates in England (“the Westminster Rules”) and the English Membership Rules (“the Membership Rules”), the Party’s Data Protection Rules and the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (“PPERA”).

2. Where the GLA Rules are silent, Returning Officers will apply the provisions of the constitutions and rules listed above, and the principles underlying them, where appropriate. The Regional Candidates Committee may also authorise the issuing of guidance notes which amplify or clarify these provisions.

3. These rules apply to the selection of Liberal Democrat candidates for the elections to the Mayor of London (“Mayoral Candidate”), the London Assembly London-wide List (“List Candidates”) and the London Assembly Constituencies (“Constituency Candidates”), and are valid for all such future elections until modified or withdrawn.

4. Wherever these rules provide for anything to be done in writing, it may be done by using e-mail or other electronic means except where expressly provided to the contrary.

5. These rules will apply from the latest version date shown in the Version Control for this document until the London Region Candidates Committee either amends them or makes replacement rules, and when these are adopted by the Regional Executive.

## **2. Returning Officers**

6. The Regional Candidates Chair (“the Regional Candidates Chair”) will appoint Returning Officers from the list of accredited Returning Officers held by the English Candidates Committee from within or outside London Region to run the selection for Mayor, List and each of the separate Constituencies. They will be responsible for ensuring that the selection rules are applied in a manner that protects the interests of members and results in the fair and equal treatment of applicants for selection.

7. A Senior Returning Officer (“the Senior Returning Officer”) from outside of London Region will also be appointed by the Regional Candidates Chair to oversee the overall selection of the Mayoral Candidate, the List Candidates and the Constituency Candidates in order to ensure the consistent application of the rules across London Region. The Senior Returning Officer may delegate duties to Deputy Returning Officers or aides for particular elements of the selection process.

8. The Regional Candidates Chair will appoint a Returning Officer for each whole GLA Constituency to oversee the selection of a candidate for each London Assembly Constituency. A Returning Officer may act in more than one constituency selection, but must not be a member of a Local Party within the constituency. Each Constituency will appoint a local party contact to help organize the mailings and any hustings which may occur.

9. The Regional Candidates Chair may appoint a replacement or substitute Returning Officer for any part of a selection if this becomes necessary at any time.

## **3. Timetables**

10. The selection of the Mayoral Candidate and the List Candidates will proceed according to a timetable to be proposed by the Regional Candidates Chair and approved by the Regional Executive. The selection of the Constituency Candidates will proceed according to timetables to be approved by the Regional Candidates Chair.

11. The relevant Returning Officer may make adjustments to the timetable in consultation with the Regional Candidates Chair as the selection proceeds.

## 4. Shortlisting Committees

12. Separate Shortlisting Committees will be appointed for the selection of the Mayoral Candidate and the London-wide List Candidates but not for each of the London Assembly Constituencies unless they receive 5 or more applicants. No member of a Shortlisting Committee may have an interest in the selection beyond that of an ordinary member.

13. The Shortlisting Committee for the Mayoral Candidate will be appointed by the Regional Executive. It will have between five and ten members, including at least one person from outside London Region, and so far as possible will have a fair gender, geographical, political, age and ethnic balance as compared to London as a whole.

14. The Shortlisting Committee for the List Candidates will be appointed by the Regional Candidates Committee. It will have between five and ten members, including at least one person from outside London Region, and so far as possible will have a fair gender, geographical, political, age and ethnic balance as compared to London as a whole.

15. If a London Assembly Constituency should receive 5 or more applicants, the Returning Officer responsible for that constituency will convene the first meeting of its Shortlisting Committee and will co-ordinate the appointment of its members. The Local Parties covering each London Assembly Constituency will appoint members of its Shortlisting Committee by reference to the parliamentary constituencies contained within it. For each parliamentary constituency wholly within the area of a London Assembly Constituency, the Executive Committee of the Local Party will appoint two members of the Shortlisting Committee, one of each gender. Where a parliamentary constituency is divided between London Assembly Constituencies, the Executive Committee of the Local Party will appoint one member to each of the Shortlisting Committees.

16. In appointing members, each Local Party will have regard to the gender, geographical, political, age and ethnic balance of the London Assembly Constituency, and to the desirability of appointing members who have received Shortlisting Committee training.

17. Each Shortlisting Committee will elect its own chair from among its members.

## 5. Applications

18. Members who meet the legal requirements to stand for the Mayor of London and/or London Assembly may apply for selection for any or all of the positions advertised. The selected Mayoral Candidate may also be a candidate for the London Assembly. Selected List Candidates may also be candidates for a London Assembly Constituency, but no selected candidate may stand in more than one Constituency in the public election.

19. Applicants who are not on the Party's list of approved parliamentary candidates at the

closing date will not be guaranteed consideration by the relevant Shortlisting Committee. For clarification, candidates who have stood previously at General or GLA Election(s) must therefore have completed the post-election review process and been returned to the approved candidates' list before they can be placed on a shortlist for selection as a mayoral, list or constituency candidate.

20. In order to ensure fairness and consistency, the Regional Candidates Committee will produce selection criteria for the candidates for each type of selection: London Mayor, GLA List and a generic one for all London GLA Constituencies, and may also produce additional material about the selections. Each Shortlisting Committee may set additional criteria with the approval of the relevant Returning Officer.

21. The Regional Candidates Committee will be responsible for preparing an application pack for each type of selection, which will be sent (normally by e-mail) to each prospective applicant. The pack should include, as appropriate: A covering message from the Regional Candidates Chair about the selection process; A copy of (or link to) these GLA Rules; A copy of the selection criteria; The relevant selection timetable; The relevant proposed Candidate Compact.

22. The Senior Returning Officer (or deputy) will arrange for the placing of advertisements on the Party website inviting prospective applicants for selection to apply for an application pack. The advertisements will require applications to be made by a closing date at least three weeks after the date on which the advertisement is published.

23. The Regional Candidates Chair may authorise the placing of supplementary advertisements and additional publicity for the selection process. For any London Assembly Constituency where no applications have been received by the deadline, the Constituency will be re-advertised. If by the close of applications for the second advertisement, there are still no applications, the Regional Candidates Chair will appoint a candidate.

24. Applications must be sent to the Returning Officer (or deputy). All applicants should submit a political CV and a statement of not more than 750 words setting out why they wish to stand and why they would be a good candidate for the election in question, as well as a form that will be provided to them, explaining how they meet each criteria. Applicants for more than one position may submit different documents for each application they make. Applicants need not submit a manifesto until such time as they are shortlisted for election.

## **6. Shortlisting**

25. At the close of applications, the Returning Officer(s) will provide copies of the CVs, forms and statements to the relevant Shortlisting Committee, where these committees exist. They will sift the applications and may reject any that do not meet the selection criteria.

26. If a Shortlisting Committee considers that there are insufficient applicants who meet the selection criteria, it may seek directions from the Regional Candidates Chair as to whether the selection should proceed or be advertised again on a revised timetable.

27. The Shortlisting Committee for the Mayoral Candidate will aim for a shortlist of up to five candidates. All applicants to be the Mayoral Candidate who meet the selection criteria will be interviewed. The interview process will be based on the method used for the selection of candidates in parliamentary by-elections, and may include additional tasks or exercises.

28. The Shortlisting Committee for the List Candidates will aim for a shortlist of up to eighteen candidates, which is seven greater than the number of places on the London-wide List, but they will not place the shortlisted candidates in any order. Applicants to be List Candidates who meet the selection criteria may be interviewed. The interview process may include additional tasks or exercises.

29. The Shortlisting Committees for any of the GLA Constituencies where five or more candidates have applied will aim for shortlists of up to three candidates, and will decide whether to interview the applicants. The interview process may include additional tasks or exercises. Where fewer than five candidates have applied, and hence there is no Shortlisting Committee, then the Regional Candidates Chair and Candidates Committee will match the applications against the generic selection criteria and may reject any that do not meet the selection criteria.

30. Under the Equality Act 2010, political parties are entitled to adopt Selection Arrangements to address an under-representation of groups that share what the Equality Act refers to as a particular 'protected characteristic'. Such Selection Arrangements may involve reserving places on a shortlist for people from such groups. For the Mayoral Candidate and the Constituency Candidates there will be no protected characteristic requirement. The shortlist for the List Candidates may have a protected characteristic requirement for candidates based on the Race / Ethnicity protected characteristic defined in the Equality Act 2010, in cases where this is legally allowed. For the selection of candidates for 2024, it is judged that this is not legally permitted, owing to the diversity of the Party's current London Assembly group.

31. Where shortlisting interviews are to be held, the Shortlisting Committee must agree the questions to be asked and any tasks to be undertaken with the Returning Officer in advance, based on the selection criteria. A marking scheme must be agreed in advance with the Returning Officer and made available to the applicants to be interviewed. All applicants must be treated equally.

32. Applicants must not be asked whether they will contribute financially to the campaign and, if they offer to do so, then this will be disregarded by the shortlisting committee.

33. Shortlisting Committees must not ask applicants for references, nor may applicants offer any references or endorsements of their candidature.

34. When shortlisting has been completed, the Returning Officer will notify all applicants of the outcome. Any appeal must be made within seven days of the notification of the outcome to the applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be directed towards a member of the Shortlisting Committee who can give them feedback. The Returning Officer and the members of the Shortlisting Committee must not disclose the names of the unsuccessful applicants to anyone else. Publication of the shortlist will not take place until the deadline for appeals has passed and any appeal determined.

## **7. Selection Registers**

35. The Qualifying Date for eligibility to be on the Selection Register (and hence to vote in

the selection) will be the date of publication of the advertisements on the Party website. If a selection is advertised more than once, the Qualifying Date will be the date of publication of the most recent advertisement for that selection.

36. Eligible members at the Qualifying Date with registered membership addresses in London will be entitled to vote for the Mayoral Candidate and the List Candidates. Eligible members at the Qualifying Date with registered membership addresses in each London Assembly Constituency will be entitled to vote for the Constituency Candidate. The members entitled to vote constitute the selection register (“the Selection Register”) for the relevant selection.

37. The Returning Officer(s) will obtain the appropriate Selection Registers in electronic format, containing (where available, and redacted as necessary) the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and membership expiry date of each eligible member.

38. The Selection Registers produced by Membership Services will be the only valid source of information about members to be used in the selections, whether by Returning Officers, Local Parties or candidates. Local Party membership lists must not be used to acquire information about the voting membership that is not included in the Selection Register.

39. Local Party data officers should continue to notify Membership Services of changes of address, deaths, resignations and revocations of membership as normal during the selection process. Where appropriate, Membership Services may notify amendments to the Senior Returning Officer so that the Selection Registers can be updated.

40. Local Parties should inform the relevant Returning Officer of any members who need to be dealt with sensitively, or not visited, so that this information can be passed on to candidates.

41. Where there is a mismatch between the information supplied by Membership Services and information held by a Local Party data officer, the relevant Returning Officer will make the final decision whether or not to include a member in the Selection Register.

## **8. Mailings to Members**

42. The Returning Officer(s) will arrange for a mailing to members once the shortlists have been published. This mailing will be by email; the Regional Executive may choose to also authorise a postal mailing to those who cannot receive emails.

43. The shortlisted applicants will be asked to supply personal manifestos, which will be included in, or accessible from, the mailing, according to specifications and by a deadline to be determined by the Returning Officer(s). Any candidate who is shortlisted for more than one selection will be permitted to supply separate manifestos for each one. Manifestos not received by the deadline will not be included in the mailing nor on the e-ballot system. At the Returning Officer(s)’ discretion, applicants may also provide up to 100 words to be provided alongside their name on the e-ballot system.

44. The mailing will contain: Manifestos provided by the candidates (or a link to access them); Details of any hustings meeting(s); Instructions on how to vote and; A reminder to members of the need to abide by the rules. Additional material, including a financial appeal or general update, may be included with the approval of the Returning Officer(s).

## 9. Campaigning

45. The Campaigning Period (when these campaigning rules and expenses limits apply) commences as soon as the Returning Officer informs all the shortlisted candidates that they are on the shortlist, and it ends at the time of the count.

46. The number of direct communications with members (e-mails, messages or delivered printed materials) will be restricted to a manageable and affordable number, to be agreed in advance by the relevant Shortlisting Committee (or local party chairs (or their delegates) in the absence of a Shortlisting Committee for London Assembly Constituencies) and notified in advance to all shortlisted candidates.

47. The Returning Officer may agree for emails from the candidates to be sent to members using the party's email system(s).

48. One to one email communications will be permitted but candidates cannot email members directly unless evidence can be provided that the two parties have communicated by email before, or if the candidate was first contacted by that member.

49. Bulk unsolicited SMS (or other messaging app) messages are not

permitted. 50. Candidates and anyone acting on their behalf:

- Must comply with data protection laws, the Party's Data Protection Rules, and PPERA
- Must ensure that their actions, and those of their supporters, comply with the Candidates' Code of Conduct
- Must not send group e-mails which reveal the e-mail addresses of the recipients •
- Must not solicit support for other candidates for the same or any other selection •
- Must not criticise or praise other candidates
- May use photographs as they wish so long as they comply with these rules, and permission for their use has been obtained from the copyright holder and any person depicted in the photograph
- Must not present endorsements of their candidature on printed leaflets and mass emails
- May allow any supporters to campaign on their behalf, but must ensure that all such people comply with these rules
- May continue with their normal Party activities and campaigning during the selection •
- Must preserve all campaign material and communications until the selection is complete.

51. Each shortlisted candidate will be entitled to a copy of the relevant Selection Register in electronic format, on supplying the Returning Officer with a signed undertaking to use the data only for the purpose of the selection campaign, to abide by the Party's Data Protection Rules and to destroy the data once the selection has been completed. Printed copies will not be supplied. The copies of the Selection Register provided to candidates will contain only the following data: Name; Address (only if not opted-out to receiving communication by mail) and; Telephone (only if not opted-out to phone calls).

52. Candidates and their supporters may not use party publications or platforms (printed or online), including Liberal Democrat-branded or Liberal Democrat-supporting websites or social media locations, to specifically promote their candidacy during the election period unless (a) the platform has been specifically created in order for candidates to communicate with electors, to enable discussion of such an election or candidates in such an election, or (b) each candidate for a contested position is allowed by the site's moderator(s) to post one self-promotional piece per platform only, and that anyone who is standing for a contested position must stand down from any moderation role on sites that are being used for this purpose, or (c) the platform is solely run by the candidate (e.g. their own personal Liberal Democrat social media). Articles by candidates that do not promote their candidacy are permissible.

53. In relation to the press and broadcast media, candidates can respond to press and broadcast media enquiries in order to answer questions and set out their platform and ideas for the role, but they must not denigrate other candidates when they do. All such communications must comply with these rules. Candidates must provide copy or electronic links to the Returning Officer so that all material can be scrutinised if necessary.

## **10. Hustings Meetings**

54. The Regional Executive will arrange at least one hustings meeting, at which the shortlisted applicants to be the Mayoral Candidate will be able to speak and answer questions. The Regional Executive may also arrange hustings meeting(s) for the London wide List Candidates. Local parties within London Assembly Constituencies may arrange hustings meetings for their candidates, too. All such meetings may be online, in-person, or hybrid, and all the details and arrangements for them will be agreed in advance and approved by the Returning Officer, who will ensure these are available to applicants in advance of the meeting.

55. Hustings meetings will be chaired by an impartial member and attended by the Returning Officer, or substitute.

56. At any hustings meeting, applicants must remain in a separate waiting room while other applicants are speaking or answering individual questions.

57. The Returning Officer is responsible for overseeing the proper conduct of a hustings meeting and may intervene if it becomes necessary. The Returning Officer may appoint aides to assist at the meeting.

## **11. Voting**

58. Each ballot will require voting members to rank candidates in order of preference. The deadline for the return of all completed ballots will be clearly provided.

59. The Regional Candidates Chair will appoint e-ballot administrator(s) to conduct the e vote ballot(s) for all selections.



60. The Returning Officer (or a person appointed by the Returning Officer) may open any returned postal ballot envelopes before the close of poll in order to input these postal votes into the master computer program ahead of the counts. After that has been done, the ballot papers will be placed in sealed containers. No information will be disclosed as to the votes cast on returned ballot papers before the completion of the count.

61. The votes will be counted as soon as practicable after the deadline for the return of ballot papers. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to be present or to be represented.

62. The votes will be counted by STV, as described in the latest edition of the Electoral Reform Society's booklet. The count for the List Candidates may be adapted to allow the re-ordering of the List according to the protected characteristic requirements for candidates as defined in the Equality Act 2010, in cases where this is legally allowed. For the selection of candidates for 2024, it is judged that this is not legally permitted, owing to the diversity of the Party's current London Assembly group.

63. Elections for the Constituency Candidates will include the option for Re-Open Nominations (RON) should there be fewer than three candidates. If however there is only one applicant, then this person will be appointed by the Returning Officer without holding an election, so long as the Chairs of every local party within the London Assembly constituency are in agreement that this person should be their candidate. If, however, the single applicant is not supported by all the chairs of the relevant local parties, then an election will be held where all the members in the London Assembly constituency will be given a ballot, and where there is the option to include Re-Open Nominations (RON).

64. Queries about replacement of damaged ballot papers or failure to receive ballots or e-ballot voting codes will only be dealt with if made by the individual member affected and not by any third party (exceptions will be considered for medical reasons or for power of attorney). Such requests should be made in writing by letter or email to the Returning Officer or e-ballot administrator. Requests for replacement ballot papers or codes from candidates or their teams will not be actioned.

65. At the count, if all candidates accept the result, the Returning Officer will declare it to those present, although a public declaration by the Party may be withheld for media timing purposes. In the event that any candidates do not accept the result, they may lodge an appeal, but must do so within seven days of the conclusion of the count; appeals after that time will be invalid. Any candidates who neither accept the result, nor appeal, will be deemed to have withdrawn from the election. The result will only be declared when all the candidates accept the result or when the deadline for appeals has passed without appeal, and after any appeal has been decided.

66. Paper (postal) ballot papers will be numbered and a confidential record kept of recipients. The record will only be used if required to help resolve any allegations of breaches of these rules, and only on the authority of the Returning Officer or at the request of a body that hears an appeal arising from these rules.

67. In the case of any dispute as to their eligibility to vote or their receipt of a paper ballot paper, a member may be issued with a tendered paper ballot paper. If it is later ruled, either by the Returning Officer or as a result of the appeal process, that a member who was issued with a tendered ballot paper should have been allowed to vote and that it could have made a difference to the result, the vote will be recounted including that tendered ballot paper.

68. Following completion of the counts, the Returning Officer will declare the results and the turnout for each selection. Copies of the results sheets will be made available to candidates who request them.

## **12. Withdrawal of Candidates**

69. If a shortlisted applicant to be the Mayoral Candidate or a Constituency Candidate withdraws after the publication of the shortlist but before the start of the count, the selection will continue with the remaining candidates unless the Regional Candidates Chair decides to cancel it and start the selection again. Any first preferences already cast for the withdrawn candidate will be ignored, and those voters' second and subsequent preferences used instead.

70. If the winning Mayoral Candidate or a Constituency Candidate withdraws after the count but before the declaration, then the count will be run afresh, with their name withdrawn and their second and subsequent preferences being transferred on to the other candidates. If a losing Mayoral Candidate or a Constituency Candidate withdraws after the count but before the declaration, they will not be elected and the count will not be re-run without them.

71. If the Mayoral Candidate or a Constituency Candidate resigns after the declaration, the Regional Candidates Chair will consider alongside the relevant Shortlisting Committee (if there had been one) whether to recount the votes using the available preferences for the other shortlisted candidates, or to start the selection again.

72. If the shortlist for the List Candidates comprises fewer than the required eleven applicants at the time of the count (because fewer than eleven were shortlisted or because some subsequently resigned), then the count will proceed and the Regional Candidates Committee will add names at the bottom of the List to make up the number required, taking into account any applicants who were not shortlisted, gender balance and diversity issues.

73. If a shortlisted London-wide List candidate resigns after the count or after the declaration, the count will be re-run with that candidate excluded and their second and subsequent preferences will be used to re-order the List. If the votes have to be recounted in this manner on the resignation or withdrawal of a candidate, none of the remaining candidates will take a lower position on the List than the one allocated in the original count. Moreover, if necessary, the Regional Candidates Committee will add names at the bottom of the List to make up the number (eleven) required, taking into account any applicants who were not shortlisted, gender balance and diversity issues.

## **13. Compliance**

74. The onus is on candidates to check in advance that their plans or actions comply with these rules. The Returning Officer may, if asked, rule in advance on whether certain behaviour does or does not comply with these rules. Any such ruling must be made in writing, and copied to all of the candidates.

75. Candidates will be held responsible for their own actions and those of anyone acting on their behalf. They will also be held responsible for the deeds of anyone else, if it can be shown they were aware of those deeds and did not take reasonable steps to prevent them.

76. Any candidate or voting Party member who is concerned that a breach of the rules may have occurred should raise the issue with the Returning Officer, who will investigate the situation and make a ruling, after giving all persons affected an opportunity to comment.

77. If a candidate or voting Party member wishes to raise an issue with the Returning Officer, they must do so before the beginning of the count. If they were not aware of the issue before the count, or if it concerns a count, they must raise it with the Returning Officer as soon as possible, and in any event within seven days of becoming aware of it.

78. Any candidate or voting Party member who is dissatisfied with a ruling by a Returning Officer may appeal in accordance with the provisions of the State (English Party) Constitution. The Returning Officer may suspend the selection while the appeal is heard. Appeals relating to the composition of the shortlist, or matters arising before then, must be lodged within seven days of the announcement of the shortlist.

79. The Returning Officer has power to disqualify candidates for breaches of these rules or to order the re-running of a selection process. The Returning Officer may also recommend to the Regional Candidates Chair that any person be removed from the list of approved candidates.

## **14. Conflicts of Interest**

80. No one may be appointed as a Returning Officer who has an interest in the outcome of the selection.

81. No Shortlisting Committee may contain relatives or partners of any applicants for the election that the committee covers, nor anyone whose position as regards a particular applicant could be seen as making a difference to the decision they would make.

82. If the Regional Executive or Regional Candidates Committee contains any applicant, or any relative or partner of any applicant, or anyone whose position as regards a particular applicant could be seen as making a difference to the decision they would make, that person must not be present when the body discharges any of its duties under these rules.

## **15. Expenses**

83. The London Region will meet the costs of the selection of the Mayoral Candidate and the List Candidates, including the expenses of the Senior Returning Officer and any deputies. The Local Parties making up each London Assembly Constituency will meet the rest of the costs of the selection of the Constituency Candidate, including the expenses of the Returning Officer, as agreed between them. All applicants will pay their own expenses.

84. The amount of money that candidates can spend on their campaign during the

Campaign Period will be limited by an expenditure cap agreed in advance by the London Candidates Committee and then ratified by the London Regional Executive. There is no limit on expenditure outside of the Campaign Period.

85. Candidates must keep a record of all donations, expenses and receipts, and submit this to the relevant Returning Officer at the conclusion of the selection process. These records must be available for inspection by the other candidates, who can ask the Returning Officer to investigate if they think the limit has been exceeded. All donations to a candidates' campaign must be from permissible sources for funding to a political party, as defined by the Electoral Commission.

## **16. Compacts**

86. Selected candidates for the Mayor of London and London-wide List for the London Assembly must agree and sign a Compact with London Region GLA Campaign Manager (or another person the London Region Executive appoints for this purpose) within one month of selection. Selected candidates for a Constituency for the London Assembly must agree and sign a Compact with each of the chairs of the local parties (or substitutes) within their London Assembly constituency within one month of selection. In any of these cases, this Compact should be based upon the version that was supplied with the application pack sent to the candidate, but modified by mutual agreement, to include specific targets that are applicable to each candidate. A copy of the signed Compact must be lodged with the Regional Candidates Chair as soon as practical after being signed.

87. If a Compact is not signed within this timeframe, then the Regional Candidates Committee, having consulted with all parties and also any shortlisting committees for the selection, may choose to revoke this individual's candidacy. The candidate would then be replaced, using the same process as described in the section on Withdrawal of Candidates.

88. If, after the Compact is signed, the London Region GLA Campaign Manager (or another person the London Region Executive appoints for this purpose) deems that a candidate for Mayor of London or the London-wide London Assembly List is in material breach of their Compact, this person may make an official representation to the London Candidates Committee, who will consult with both parties and may decide to retain the candidate in place, remove them as a candidate for this election, or to delay a decision pending further opportunity for both sides to improve and/or agree.

89. If, after the Compact is signed, the Chair of any local party within a London Assembly Constituency deems that a candidate for their London Assembly Constituency is in material breach of their Compact, this person may make an official representation to the London Candidates Committee, who will consult with both parties, all other local party chairs in that constituency, and the London Region GLA Campaign Manager (or another person the London Region Executive appoints for this purpose), and may decide to retain the candidate in place, remove them as a candidate for this election, or to delay a decision pending further opportunity for both sides to improve and/or agree.

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