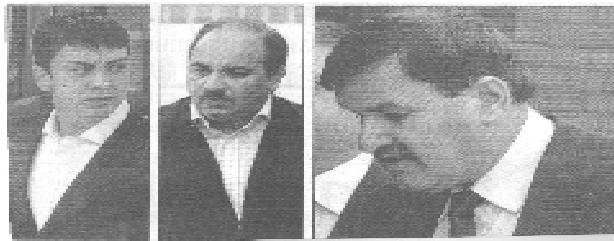


Responding to Electoral Fraud

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We discover the amazing amount of painstaking work it took by police to bring council election riggers to justice: **11,000 documents**
1,200 witnesses
One million pounds



Ex-mayor over voi



Witness tells court of vote papers 'forgery'

EX-MAYOR GUILTY OF ELECTION FRAUD

Former mayor told to expect jail term



Starting Point

- **High Profile Cases of Electoral Fraud**
6 Convictions including 2 Former Mayors
- **Complex Multi-Ethnic/Migrant Communities**
Vulnerable People and Strong Family and Community Loyalties
- **Electoral Registration Offences**
Falsified Electoral Registration and Postal Voting Applications
- **Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections**
Bribery, Forgery, Personation and Intimidation
- **Lack of Leadership**
Significant Managerial Change



The Simple Bit

- **Compilation of a New Register**
- **Identity Checks with Rolling Registration**
- **Tracking of Application Forms**
- **100% Personal Identifier Checks**
- **Briefings of Candidates and Agents, Private Sector Landlords and Polling Staff**
- **Media and Community Awareness Campaign**



The Clever Bit

- **Source of Electoral Registration, HMO & Police Information**
- **Comparison of Electoral Registration and HMO Data Sets**
- **Door to Door Visits of Properties**
- **Use of Complementary Statutory Powers**
- **Over 200 Review Hearings**
- **Identification of Unlicensed HMOs and Persons Not Entitled to be Registered at Properties**



The Partnership Bit

- Active Election Coordination Group
- Shared Intelligence and Coordinated Action
- Use of Electoral Fraud Hotline
- Large Overt Police Presence on Polling Day
- Vigilant Presiding Officers
- Use of CCTV Outside Polling Stations
- Use of Headcams by Police
- Deployment of ANPR Technology
- Police Visits to Political Party Headquarters



Key Messages

There is a need:

- To assess the potential payback of action taken to deter and disrupt electoral fraud
- To implement a coordinated range of measures that are reasonable and proportionate to the scale of the problem
- To develop agile local responses to fraud and network with colleagues who have developed counter fraud measures in their own areas

