



## NEWS RELEASE

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# Electoral administrators praised after 3 May elections

The smooth running of 3 May polls across the UK by council elections teams and Returning Officers has been praised by the Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA).

Polls run on 3 May covered 150 scheduled council elections – including all council seats in Birmingham, Manchester and London Boroughs – six mayoral elections, 13 council by-elections and one Parliamentary by-election.

AEA chairman, Andy Tiffin, said: “Once again our members, and elections colleagues across the UK, have undertaken months of preparation and hard work to ensure that polls are run reliably, securely and accurately. A great job done by everyone involved.”

Voter identification pilots were also run at polling stations in five council areas, and for postal and/or proxy voters at a further three councils. AEA Chief Executive Peter Stanyon, comments: “We would like to extend an additional note of congratulations to Returning Officers and elections teams who, often under intense scrutiny, piloted voter ID schemes on behalf of the Cabinet Office. We look forward to reviewing their findings in due course.”

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### Notes to editors:

1. The Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA) was founded in 1987 and is the professional body representing the interests of electoral administrators in the United Kingdom. It is a non-governmental and non-partisan body and has over 1,800 members, the majority of whom are

# The Association of Electoral Administrators



employed by local authorities to provide electoral registration and election services.

2. Reports and issues papers from the AEA can be accessed at <https://www.aea-elections.co.uk/policy-reporting/reports-issues-papers/>