

**FOI: 7184466 Correspondence with Electoral Commission and Cabinet Office re: Electoral Fraud Voter ID Pilot**

I am interested in obtaining correspondence with relevant Government agencies, Ministers and MPs regarding Tower Hamlets participation in a Voter ID pilot scheme to be trialled in 2018 - to be established by Eric Pickles and the Cabinet Office, with Tower Hamlets having being designated a constituency at "high risk" of electoral fraud.

Please provide correspondence between Tower Hamlets Council and the following individuals, agencies or parties regarding participation in Voter ID trials, and the conduct of future elections and monitoring of electoral fraud in the Tower Hamlets constituency.

1) The Electoral Commission

Telephone conversation took place with Tom Hawthorn regarding the 2018 Mayoral and local elections. An election planning meeting has been arranged for 21 February 2017.

2) The Cabinet Office

Telephone conversation took place with Paul Docker regarding the ID pilot scheme for LBTH 2018 elections – a meeting has been arranged for 28 February 2017 to discuss.

An email was received from Mark Hughes on 6 January 2017 detailing the operational approach to the Pickles' Review.

3) Chris Skidmore MP

None at this time

4) Eric Pickles MP

None at this time

5) Local Police - including the designated (SPOC) Single Point of Contact

An election planning meeting has been arranged for 21 February 2017 with local SPOC and Met Police.

6) The Department for Communities and Local Government

Commissioners are aware of the meeting arranged with the Cabinet Office to discuss the ID pilot scheme. Discussed at Best Value Review Board where DCLG officers and Commissioners were present.

7) Sajid Javid MP

None at this time

8) The Local Government Association

Discussed at meeting held with Mark Lloyd, Commissioners and Chief Executive held at the LGA offices on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

9) Local constituency MPs

None at this time

10) Local political party branches

Lead party members have been informed about the meeting to take place with the Cabinet Office to discuss the ID pilot scheme.