

# A NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL FOR BALSALL HEATH ?

The re-ballot

5th June – 3rd July 2023

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YOUR  
VOTE !**

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## How can we do this?

Birmingham City Council is required to carry out a Community Governance Review. This review included finding out what local people, like you, think about the idea. The Balsall Heath Community Governance Review took place between February and July 2022.

All the community feedback was reviewed. It showed most people who responded supported the idea of a Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council and wanted to explore the proposal further.

The City Council Cabinet decided the proposal should go to the next stage – a ‘consultative ballot’ of Balsall Heath residents. This means that every Balsall Heath resident who is eligible to vote will be able to have their say on whether a neighbourhood council is created in Balsall Heath.

The City Council Cabinet and the full City Council will decide on whether a neighbourhood council is created, based on the result of the ballot and the proportion of people who vote.

So it's important to make sure you return your ballot paper and have your say.

**A postal consultative ballot was held in November - December 2022.**

### WHY IS THERE A RE-BALLOT?

In the consultative ballot held in Nov – Dec 2022, the turnout of eligible voters was 22% with 78% voting Yes. Birmingham City Council required a turnout of at least 25% of eligible voters and therefore decided a re-ballot should be held.

**The re-ballot is being held from 5th June – 3rd July.**

**This is a postal ballot.**

**Please note: all those who voted in the first ballot will need to vote again in this ballot.**

All Balsall Heath residents who are registered to vote in City Council elections will be sent a postal ballot paper by the Independent Scrutineer, Civic Election Services at the end of March ready for voting during June.

### The ballot question:

**‘Do you want a Neighbourhood Council for Balsall Heath?’**

The ballot will be conducted by post by the Independent Scrutineer, Civic Election Services of The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW.

To be counted, the ballot paper must be received by Civic Election Services no later than 5pm on Monday 3rd July.

**Please post your vote in good time so it arrives by 3rd July.**

The diagram shows the next stages of this process:

City Council conducts  
Community  
Governance Review



Cabinet decides to  
approve proposal



City Council  
approves new parish  
council



City Council issues  
Reorganisation  
Order



Parish council  
elections held, new  
council established

## WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

For more details about the proposed Neighbourhood Council in Balsall Heath you can:

Visit the council website using this link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/balsall-heath-ballot>

Visit the council webpage by searching for

“Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council consultation ballot”

Email us at: [NDSU@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:NDSU@birmingham.gov.uk)

*please put 'Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council Ballot' as your email subject.*

Phone us at: 07594 509 938

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