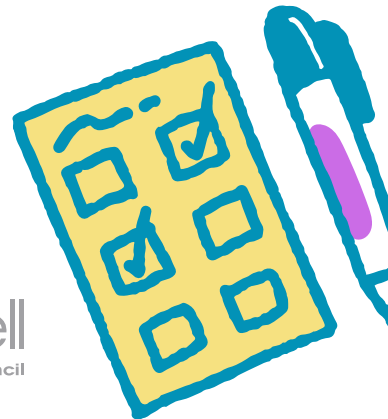


# MY VOTING PASSPORT

Voting assistance  
guide for voting in  
a polling station

**Show this document at the  
polling station and let staff know you  
would like help with voting**



## **Don't forget**

- To complete your details on the next page
- To bring your photo ID (can be a passport, photo driving licence, disabled or older person's bus pass, identity card with a PASS hologram or a Blue Badge) or your Voter Authority Certificate.
- To tell the polling station staff you have a disability or autism and how they can support you if you need help to vote.
- If you cannot physically access the polling station, the Presiding Officer (the person running the polling station) must bring you the ballot paper. Our polling stations also have disabled access ramps.
- You can bring your own pen or pencil if you wish.

## **The Elections Act 2022 gives you the right to:**

- Request suitable equipment to assist you to vote independently.
- Take someone to assist (they must be aged 18 or over) or you can ask the polling station staff for help.

## **What other people can't do:**

- Make a decision for you.
- Mark the ballot paper against your wishes.
- Stop you from voting because you have a disability.

## At the polling station

- You will be asked your name and address.
- You need to show Photo ID or a Voter Authority Certificate.
- You can show this Voting Passport to tell the staff you need help.

**My name is:** .....

I have a learning disability/physical disability and/or autism and I need assistance to help me to vote.

### **What I need to help me vote: (tick any that apply)**

- To be shown a large print ballot paper
- A tactile voting device
- Someone to read out the candidates on the ballot paper
- Someone to help mark the ballot paper with my decision
- To be able to lip read instructions
- I cannot wait in long queues
- I cannot go in the polling booth
- I need to stay with the person who is helping me
- An interpreter

### **I would like help from: (tick the option that applies)**

- The person with me whose name is:  
.....
- A member of staff in the polling station

## Everyone is entitled to vote as long as:

- You are over 18 and are resident in the UK
- You are a citizen of Britain, Northern Ireland or the Commonwealth.

## Make a plan for voting

Think about who might help you to vote (if you need it) in the election.

Think about what other help you might need to vote.

Find out who the candidates are and what they stand for

Make sure you have valid photographic identification (photo ID) or a Voter Authority Certificate.

For more details on suitable photographic identification scan the QR code or go to **[www.sandwell.gov.uk/elections](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/elections)**

