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**Musicians' Union Executive & Regional Committee Elections 2025-2026**

**East & South East England**

**FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – East & South East England (2 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Sarah-Jane DALE	Elected	333
Martin JEREMIAH	Elected	190
Richard LIGHTMAN		180
Peter WILLSON		152

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidates indicated above have been elected to the Executive Committee – East & South East England.

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	7067
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	468
Turnout for this contest:	6.62%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	5
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	463

**Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	5
Voting for more candidates than stated	0	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	5	

## **East & South East England - continued**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE – East & South East England (6 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Sarah-Jane DALE	Elected	265
Julian FIELD	Elected	209
Richard LIGHTMAN	Elected	208
Andy BUNKER	Elected	204
Martin JEREMIAH	Elected	193
Henry LASCELLES	Elected	188
Priti PAINTAL		180
Michael SONNEN		162
Tim AINSLIE		152
Pete HAWKINS		151
Simon MARCHANT		150
Xidus PAIN		117

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidates indicated above have been elected to the Regional Committee – East & South East England.

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	7067
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	468
Turnout for this contest:	6.62%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	4
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	464

#### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	4
Voting for more candidates than stated	3	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	1	

## **LONDON**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - London (4 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Sarah WILLIAMS	Elected	623
Pete LALE	Elected	401
Emily SAUNDERS	Elected	400
James TOPP	Elected	390
Steve DONE		389
Allan COX		276
Hugh BURNS		254
Chris WALKER		200

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidates indicated above have been elected to the Executive Committee - London.

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	9395
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	918
Turnout for this contest:	9.78%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	6
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	912

#### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	6
Voting for more candidates than stated	1	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	5	

## **LONDON – Continued**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE - London (8 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 - 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
James TOPP	Elected	506
Steve DONE	Elected	493
Samantha LUBIN	Elected	426
Maxim ROWLANDS	Elected	420
Chrissie RANSON-THOMPSON	Elected	393
Mike HORNE	Elected	377
Migdalia van der HOVEN	Elected	362
Graham SILBIGER	Elected	348
Simon MINSHALL		337
Utako TOYAMA		292
Matt HUXLEY		254
Nixon ROSEMBERT		214
Joshua GUY		176

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidates indicated above have been elected to the Regional Committee - London.

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	9395
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	918
Turnout for this contest:	9.77%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	55
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	863

#### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	
Voting for more candidates than stated	0	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	55	

## **MIDLANDS**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Midlands (1 vacancy)**

*Term of office 2025 - 2026*

The following candidate is elected unopposed:

**Daniel Whitehouse**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE - Midlands (10 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 - 2026*

The following candidates are elected unopposed:

**John Patrick**

**Martha Brookes**

**Victorine Ngamsha**

**Rebecca Sowray**

**John Brennan**

**Elizabeth Birch**

**Matthew Davies**

**Phillip Thomas**

## **NORTH OF ENGLAND**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - North of England (2 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Mary GILBERT	Elected	411
Vernon FULLER	Elected	299
Balraj SAMRAI		204

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidate indicated above has been elected to the Executive Committee – North of England.

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	5921
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	576
Turnout for this contest:	9.72%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	7
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	576

#### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	7
Voting for more candidates than stated	0	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	7	

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE - North of England (7 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 - 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Veronica PERRIN	Elected	394
Sam MURRAY	Elected	364
Jake LAY	Elected	328
Heidi MCGEOUGH	Elected	297
Tom HINGLEY	Elected	296
Sashwati SENGUPTA	Elected	264
Christopher LYDON	Elected	250
Chiedu ORAKA		212
Katus YOUNG		91

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidates indicated above have been elected to the Regional Committee – North of England.

## **NORTH OF ENGLAND - Continued**

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	5921
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	576
Turnout for this contest:	9.72%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	12
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	563

### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	12
Voting for more candidates than stated	1	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	11	

## **SCOTLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Scotland & Northern Ireland (1 vacancy)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

The following candidate is elected unopposed:

**Matthew Whiteside**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE - Scotland & Northern Ireland (10 vacancies)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Fergus KERR	Elected	181
Iona FYFE	Elected	175
Ankna AROCKIAM	Elected	164
Jamie CAMPBELL	Elected	157
Giles PERRING	Elected	151
Neil PATTERSON	Elected	149
Brian AYLWARD	Elected	132
Andrew MILK	Elected	127
Wendy GUDGIN	Elected	127
Matthew HICKMAN	Elected	117
Katie RICHARDSON		33

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidates indicated above have been elected to the Regional Committee - Scotland & Northern Ireland.

## **SCOTLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND - Continued**

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	2910
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	257
Turnout for this contest:	3.43%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	0
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	257

### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	0
Voting for more candidates than stated	0	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	0	

## **Wales & South West England**

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Wales & South West England (1 vacancy)**

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
Tracey KELLY	Elected	259
Pat O'CONNELL		84

The election was conducted using the First Past the Post system. The candidate indicated above has been elected to the Executive Committee – Wales & South West England.

Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	4100
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	350
Turnout for this contest:	8.53%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	7
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	343

### **Summary of Rejected Votes**

Unique identifier removed	0	7
Voting for more candidates than stated	0	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	7	



## Wales & South West England – Continued

### FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE – Wales & South West England (6 vacancies)

*Term of office 2025 – 2026*

Name of Candidates	Number of Votes	
David MILLER	Elected	249
Tracey KELLY	Elected	242
Dave DANFORD	Elected	236
Pete TRUIN	Elected	209
Pat O'CONNELL	Elected	172
Stephen WILLIAMS	Elected	164
Dave MERRICK		159
Brian INGLIS		150
Gareth THOMAS		18

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Number of ballot papers distributed in the election:	4100
Number of ballot papers returned in the election:	350
Turnout for this contest:	8.53%
Number of ballot papers found to be invalid in this contest:	1
Number of ballot papers found to be counted in this contest:	349

#### Summary of Rejected Votes

Unique identifier removed	0	1
Voting for more candidates than stated	0	
Writing or other identifying mark	0	
Void for uncertainty (including blank)	1	

## **Independent Scrutineers Report**

This report is issued in accordance with the Trades Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 as amended.

In accordance with Section 53 and MU Rules, 'Nothing in this Chapter shall be taken to require a ballot to be held at an uncontested election'. Where the number of candidates nominated in each of the above elections does not exceed the number to be elected a ballot is not required.

We are satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that there was any contravention of a requirement imposed by or under any enactment in relation to the election.

We are satisfied that the arrangements made in respect to the production, storage, distribution, return or other handling of the voting papers used in the election, and the arrangements for the counting of the votes, including all security arrangements as were reasonably practicable for the purpose of minimising the risk that any unfairness or malpractice might occur.

We have been able to carry out our functions without such interference as would make it reasonable for any person to call my independence in relation to union into question.

A copy of the register of voters (as at the relevant date) was not examined nor were we requested by any member or candidate to inspect or examine a copy of the candidateship register.

Two members added to the register after it had been determined that they were eligible at the relevant date.

We would draw your attention to Section 52 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, which requires that a copy of this report be published and made available to all members of the Union within a three-month period from today, or take all such other steps for notifying the contents of the report to the members of the Union whether by publishing the report or otherwise as it is the practice of the Union to take when matters of general interest to all its members need to be brought to their attention.

Yours sincerely,



Craig Poyser  
Associate Director  
On behalf of UK Engage