



The Birmingham Labour Party

Birmingham City Council Election 5 May 2016 - Panel of Candidates

2.1 NOMINATION for the PANEL of LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES for Birmingham City Council Election Thursday 5 May 2016

(Complete in black ink as these 3 pages will be copied to Ward Parties)

Surname: LOCKE

Forenames: MARY ANNE

Date of birth: 20/9/1954 Male/female:         

Do you consider yourself to be a member of a minority ethnic community? If so, how would you describe yourself?

NO

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Occupation: Ward Housekeeper

Labour Party membership no: L0052554

Present Labour Party branch: BOURNVILLE

Length of Labour Party membership: 18 YEARS

Present trade union & branch: UNISON, BIRMINGHAM HEALTHCARE

Length of trade union membership: 22 YEARS

Please provide information about your activities in the Labour Party (including experience of election campaigns, policy forums or offices held):

LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATE 2015

CLP TRADE UNION OFFICER 2 YEARS  
BRANCH CHAIR 1 YEAR

GRASS ROOTS CAMPAIGNER 5-6 YEARS

TRADE UNIONIST 22 YEARS

UNISON NEC MEMBER 6 YEARS



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Please provide information about your activities in your community (eg voluntary sector, governing body, regeneration boards etc):

ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN  
VIA LABOUR CAMPAIGNING IN BOURNVILLE  
ON LOCAL ISSUES

Please provide information about your activities in your trade union:

I AM A UNISON NEC MEMBER. FOR  
WEST MIDLANDS I SIT ON THE RESERVED/  
LOW PAID SEAT. I RAISE ISSUES AFFECTING  
MEMBERS ACROSS ALL SECTORS I SIT  
ON UNISON LABOUR LINK. I AM AN ACTIVE  
BRANCH OFFICER SUPPORTING  
MEMBERS

Please provide information about any previous or current experience of public office or candidature:

STOOD IN 2015 LOCAL COUNCIL  
ELECTIONS FOR BOURNVILLE

What contribution do you feel would make as a Labour councillor?

A LOCAL VOICE RAISING THE WORRIES  
AND CONCERNS OF ALL WHO LIVE  
IN STIRCHLEY COTTERIDGE BOURNVILLE  
- BOURNVILLE WARD



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Please write a short personal statement in support of your application. If you are successful in your nomination, this statement may be circulated at your shortlisting and/or selection meetings.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Please provide two referees who may be consulted about your work.

Referee 1 - Name and telephone number

Referee 2 - Name and telephone number

## Personal Statement – Mary Locke

I have:

- been a member of the Labour Party for over 15 years
- lived in Bournville for 40 years and know the area very well. I am only interested in being a councillor in my "home patch."
- been an activist for my union UNISON for 22 years, sitting on the union's NEC for the past 6 years

Through my union work I have:

- campaigned locally and nationally to protect the NHS (I have been subject to profiles in national newspapers)
- campaigned locally and nationally on a wide range of equality issues
- represented members on a variety of grievances and disciplinaries
- been part of the strategic decision making process on the union's NEC
- been part of UNISON's Regional Labour Link Committee steering the work of the my union in the Labour Party

My background as a trade union activist means I understand how to represent people's interests, involve them and build campaign teams.

I am keen to ensure Labour campaigns for the retention and improvement of the NHS walk-in centre on Katie Road. I have seen the success Labour have had in Erdington in saving the NHS walk-in centre (in fact one of the UNISON regional office staff I deal with frequently, Keith Heron, was heavily involved) and I am keen to see this replicated in Bournville.

I keen to make sure we have local jobs for future generation, and that these jobs are for people of all skills and abilities from graduates to those with special educational needs. I am particularly passionate about the need to have job opportunities for people with special educational needs as this affects my nephew.

I also want to ensure that Bournville is developed into a diverse and rich community that is more than just take-aways and charity shops. I want to see a more diverse range of affordable housing provision. If elected I will campaign hard for this to happen.

As a low paid NHS worker who has a grown up daughter I fully understand the day-to-day struggle of many of the residents of Bournville. I also understand the needs of working class communities and their need for effective representatives to speak and speak out for them.

I believe I am someone who is widely seen as authentic and able to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds. I believe my background means I will be an asset to the Labour Party as I can relate to Bournville people on their level and be seen as being on their side.



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### DECLARATIONS

- 1 I will declare to the interviewing panel any matters in my political or personal record which, if revealed, could publicly embarrass the Labour Party or affect public confidence in my position as a representative.\*
- 2 I have read and understood NEC Action Advice Note concerning the statutory and party requirements on the registration and declaration of interests and the local code of conduct adopted by Birmingham City Council. I agree to be bound by the requirements in the advice note once elected. I have completed a statement of my interests and this is attached.
- 3 I have read the "Qualifications and disqualifications for being a Labour Councillor/Candidate" and know of no legal reason or party rule which would prevent me from being a Labour candidate or elected as a councillor in the 2016 local election. I understand that the Labour Party's code of conduct requires me to declare membership of allegedly secret organisations such as the Freemasons.
- 4 As a potential candidate in the local government election for Birmingham in 2016, I authorise the Council's Chief Executive to provide any information about my current dealings or standings with the council, which may include financial records as he/she considers appropriate, to the leader of the Labour group, whether or not the provision of such information would otherwise be exempt from disclosure under the provision of the Data Protection Act 1984 or any other relevant information.
- 5 I declare that on becoming elected as a councillor, I shall ensure that my Labour Party membership subscription is paid by direct debit at the standard rate.
- 6 I declare that, in the event that I am not appointed to the panel of approved local government candidates or in the event that I am not selected as a candidate by the Labour Party, I will not seek or allow myself to be nominated as a candidate nor support the nomination of any other candidate in any election contested by an official Labour Party candidate.
- 7 I accept nomination, as set out above, and agree to accept the provisions relating to selection and candidature set out in the party's rules. If elected, I agree to join the Labour group on Birmingham City Council and abide by its standing orders and the provisions of the national rules of the Labour Party, and join the Association of Labour Councillors.

Signed:

M A Locke

Date:

21/5/15

\* If there is any matter which you feel might need to be declared under this provision, but which you would wish to discuss in confidence before making disclosure or completing this declaration, please contact the regional office of the Labour Party.

This form, complete with attachments, must be sent to the Secretary, The Birmingham Labour Party, 14-16 Bristol Street, Birmingham B5 7AF by no later than the date stated in the covering letter.

Please keep a copy of the form and attachments for your own records.