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From May 2023, the voting system at mayoral elections in England and Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales use the first past the post system.

Changes Mayoral elections and Police and Crime Commissioner elections previously used the Supplementary Vote (SV) system, where voters could choose a first and second choice vote. Now, voters will choose a single candidate on the ballot paper. This is the same system as UK Parliamentary elections and local elections in England. Our role To support electoral administrators, we will update our guidance on these elections to reflect the change to the voting system. We will consider what activity is needed to raise awareness of the change in voting system and ensure voters and the electoral community understand it. It will be particularly important to avoid voter confusion if multiple elections are taking place using different voting systems.

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