

LONDON

Since 2000, the UK's first elected mayor has been Ken Livingstone, who was then re-elected in 2004. London's next mayoral elections are due this May, but what does the London Mayor actually do? The Mayor decides policy for Greater London on issues including transport, culture, emergency services and the environment. We think these four are the front-runners:



LIVINGSTONE

KEN

Sometimes nicknamed 'Red Ken' for his fairly left-wing views, and best-known for introducing the Congestion Charge in 2003, London's first elected mayor, Ken Livingstone, will be competing this year for his third term. If he gets re-elected, he plans to carry on improving London's public transport, get more police on the streets, improve gay rights and increase funding for young people in London. He also breeds and keeps newts.

"Increase funding for young people"

Ken Livingstone

JOHNSON

BORIS

"More police on the streets of London"

Boris Johnson

With a (very) full name of Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, the eccentric Conservative candidate for London Mayor is also campaigning for more police on the streets of London, along with better affordable housing, improved healthcare and making London safer for cyclists. He is quite a well-known figure in the media, having recently appeared in news quiz *Have I Got News For You* and the BBC's *Top Gear*.

