

APPENDIX B

COSTS FOR RUNNING ELECTIONS - BY THIRDS V FOUR YEARLY

Task	Elections by thirds (per election)	Four yearly elections	Comments	Elections by 3rds over 4 years	Elections 4 Yearly	Additional cost of Annual Elections
	£	£		£	£	£
Hire of venues	16,506	17,807		49,518	17,807	31,711
Printing and posting poll cards	37,934	53,000	Includes postage	113,802	53,000	60,802
Printing ballot papers	3,770	5,468	This does not take account of the fact that if the council holds all out elections there would be an additional charge for the larger ballot papers required	11,310	5,468	5,842
Production and postage of Postal Vote packs	19,450	22,832	Includes postage	58,350	22,832	35,518
Postage for return of postal votes	10,200	14,273		30,600	14,273	16,327
Delivery of polling booths/collection of polling booths and collection of equipment etc from the count	3,558	4,680		10,674	4,680	5,994
Stationery and sundry costs	2,000	2,300		6,000	2,300	3,700
Training of Polling Station Staff	1,524	1,800		4,572	1,800	2,772
Employing Polling Station Staff	49,749	57,723		149,247	57,723	91,524
Postal Vote opening and checking staff	3,500	4,297		10,500	4,297	6,203
Count staffing	14,750	19,320	All out election would take longer to count because of the need to use the multi-ward counting methodology	44,250	19,320	24,930
Returning Officer fee	10,271	13,500		30,813	13,500	17,313
Election staff overtime	5,600	9,000	Overtime would be higher as there would be more work to do eg nominations, ballot box preparation etc within the same timescales	16,800	9,000	7,800
Other Costs				0	0	0
Cost of hiring count venue and loss of income for count venue	3,400	3,800	As part of the contract with Loddon Valley they do not charge for hiring the venue for the count nor the hire in of equipment eg tables and chairs	10,200	3,800	6,400
Total Direct	182,212	229,800		546,636	229,800	316,836

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