

Supplementary Committee Agenda



Constitution and Members Services Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 11th October, 2007

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.30 pm

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**11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER - ELECTORAL CYCLES AND OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY (Pages 3 - 6)**

To consider the attached schedules.

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APPENDIX 1

Estimated cost of holding elections by thirds and by whole Council, every four years.

Elections to be Held	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 Totals
Present System								
District by thirds	£ 81000	£ 74000	£ 0	£ 75000	£	£	£	£ 230000
Member Training	7500	7500	7500	7500				30000
BY-Elections	5000	5000	5000	5000				20000
Total	93500	86500	12500	87500	0	0	0	280000

New System									
District Whole Council					179000			179000	
Member Training					10000	7500	7500	7500	32500
BY-Elections					0	16000	17000	17000	50000
Consultation					10000				10000
Total					199000	23500	24500	24500	271500

Notes

- 1 Estimates are shown at November 2007 prices, and do not include inflation
- 2 Comparisons show current system of thirds and one Whole Council election.
- 3 No Parish/Town Council costs are included
- 4 Higher staffing levels have been assumed for Whole Council election because of higher polling turnout
- 5 New training budgets are included based on Government guidelines for Parliamentary elections
- 6 Additional member training included for Whole Council election
- 7 An allowance for 10 by-elections is included for Whole Council election over the 4 year cycle.
- 8 A one off consultation cost is included for the Whole Council election.
- 9 Additional costs for printing of ballot papers and count fees are included for Whole Council election.
- 10 The current year budget for elections is £94,470 plus £4,400 supplementary for By-elections, with a recharge for Parish elections of £22,500.
This budget will be reviewed as part of the current estimate process.

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ELECTORAL CYCLE

Year	Elections to be held	
2007	District (1/3)	Parish (1/2 of Councils))
2008	District (1/3)	Parish (1/2 of Councils)) Election by Thirds
2009	County	European) Present System
2010	District (1/3)	-)

2011	District (Whole Council)	Parish (1/2 of Councils))
2012	-	Parish (1/2 of Councils)) Whole Council
2013	County	-) New System
2014	European	-)

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