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Subject: Parish Councils Elections 2023 - cost of election

Dear Colleagues

In the November and December Newsletter 2021 Sam pointed out that if a parish / town council is due to have an election in 2023, as there are no other elections taking place, it may be the case that the parish council will have to fund that election.

I am therefore writing to you to make sure that when you are setting your budget for next year if your council is due to have an election in 2023 and if you think the election may be contested you would be wise to include the cost of running an election in your precept request. Although we have not had a definitive answer from the workstream dealing with the Elections on whether the new Unitary Authorities will bear those costs it is best to be prepared in case you are required to pay for them. For an idea on costs for an election in your area, as these currently vary, you will have to contact your District or Borough Council, but they can be in the region of £2,000.

I am attending a meeting of the Electoral Administrators Cumbria group in September and have asked for this matter to be included on the agenda.

Kindest Regards

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