
SUMMARY / COMPARISON OF POTENTIAL COSTS

ELECTION BY THIRDS

**(9 or 10 seats contested each time –
annual elections /
with County Council Elections in 4th Year)**

Each 10 Ward election – approx. £65,000 - £80,000 x2

One 9 Ward election – approx. £60,000 - £75,000 x1

Total therefore in round terms £200,000 - £250,000

Notes: Costs will vary in detail subject to which precise wards are electing, how many Portakabin Polling Stations are required, etc.

ALL-OUT ELECTIONS

(all 29 seats contested each time – elections every 4th year)

Total approx £80,000 - £100,000

(MAYORAL) REFERENDUM

A full, formal, referendum would cost about the same as an all-out election.

Further details and options would be reported and appropriate funding and other approvals sought, if a Referendum was required.

General Notes:

1. All the above costings exclude the baseline staffing and other costs the Council / Electoral Shared Service would normally have to account for annually, regardless of the Council's choice of electoral arrangements.
2. Some of the above costs may sometimes be offset when local elections are combined with other, externally funded, elections.