

Meeting of the Cabinet – 17th March 2010

Report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer

Scale of Fees and Expenses for Borough Council Elections

Purpose of Report

1. To approve the Scale of Fees and Expenses for the Borough Council Elections to fall in line with the Parliamentary Election fees.

Background

2. At the present time there is a comprehensive Scale of Fees and Expenses which were set by Cabinet on 8th February 2006 so that the fees paid for election duty in 2006 were equal to the fees paid for the last Parliamentary Election which took place in April 2005.
3. The fees are increased annually by the amount equal to the APT&C pay award as at 1st April in each year. The current Scale of Fees and Expenses as at the 1st January 2010 is set out in Appendix 1.
4. If the Parliamentary election takes place before the Borough Elections in May, the fees paid for election duties will be set as recommended by the Electoral Policy Division of the Ministry of Justice.
5. Polling hours for both Local and Parliamentary elections are the same (7:00am-10:00pm)

Finance

6. The Elections are funded from existing budgets and resources dedicated to the running of elections.

Law

7. Section 36(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 enables the Council to fix a Scale of Fees and Expenditure incurred in connection with the election of Councillors.

Equality Impact

8. There is no immediate equality impact relating to this report.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that should the Parliamentary Election take place before the Borough Election in May the Scale of Fees be increased to be equal to the fees paid for Parliamentary election duties.

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