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Sent: 23 September 2025 18:51
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Subject: SLCF Update: Election Costs & DRAFT September Minutes
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Dear Members,

Following the Chairman's action to request election budget estimates for parish budget planning, please find correspondence below from Matt Box, Head of Elections & Democracy, SBC.

I also attach the draft minutes from our meeting on 18th September 2025, confirming:

- Councillor V Manro: re-elected as Chairman
- Councillor I Jankinson: re-elected as Vice Chairman
- Laura Cutter: continuing as Secretary

A further AGM may be scheduled for June 2026, subject to post-election membership changes.

Kind regards,

Laura Cutter
Secretary, Swindon Local Councils Forum



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Sent: 19 September 2025 13:59
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Subject: ExternalRE: Election costs

Hi Vinay

Thanks for the email and understand the need.

Usually I would provide bespoke estimates in the autumn but unfortunately this year because all of the boundaries are changing I'm not able to until after the new register is published in December. I attended a WALC event last week and told the clerks present to budget £1.75 per elector for contested elections, or £140.00 per uncontested parish or parish ward (so £140.00 x the number of uncontested areas in a parish).

Best Wishes,
Matt.

Matt Box AEA (Dip.)

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Good afternoon Matt

Last night I chaired Swindon local council forum where your recent comms around May elections were discussed.
As parishes have to submit their budget plans to SBC by Feb most start looking at budget aspirations and fixed costs in November.

I was asked to see if on behalf of parishes the expected costs for each parish could be known early so all could budget accordingly.
Is this something you are able to provide please?

Many thanks

Kind Regards
Vinay

Schedule a quick meeting? Check my availability: <https://app.calendarbridge.com/book/GpEbuW>

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