

Limitation of Candidate's Election expenses – FINAL FIGURES
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The basis for the calculation of election expenses is shown below. Candidates are urged to check this information as its accuracy is **your** responsibility.

The amount given below is based on a lump sum of £740 plus 6p for every entry in the register of electors as at **4 March 2019**. This is the register in force on the last day for publication of the Notice of Election, and is the figure you should use for the calculation of your expenses.

It must be stressed that these amounts are **maximum** amounts and that, in addition to verifying the relevant calculation given below (the accuracy of which is not guaranteed), candidates and their election agents must ascertain the amounts applicable to themselves by reference to the relevant legislation (in particular the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2005).

Ward	No of Entries in the register 4 March 2019	Amount per entry in register	Plus lump sum	Total Expenses Limit for a candidate	Total Expenses Limit for two joint candidates	Total Expenses Limit for three or more joint candidates
Ward 12 - Leith Walk	23,781	6p	£740	£2,166.86	-	-

Your attention is also drawn to the spending limits for **joint candidates**. At Local Government Elections, candidates can be considered to be joint candidates for the purpose of their election spending limits. Maximum spending limits are reduced in the case of joint candidates. Where there are **two** joint candidates, the limit for each candidate is reduced by a quarter. Where there are **three or more** joint candidates, the limit for each is reduced by a third.

Candidates are to be considered joint candidates if they do any of the following:

- Employ the same election agent
- Use the services of the same clerks or messengers
- Hire or use the same committee rooms at an election
- Publish joint addresses, circulars or notices at elections

People can only be joint candidates when they stand in the same ward.

Queries about election expenditure are best directed to Martin McKeown at the Electoral Commission. The Elections Office only collects the records from you after the election and makes them available for inspection. While the Electoral Commission has a statutory role in connection with the administration of Scottish local council elections, they do not regulate spending by candidates at these elections. It is your responsibility fully and accurately to report candidate spending. You should ensure you understand the rules and that all spending is properly authorised, recorded and reported.

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Any decision to undertake a prosecution in respect of candidate spending will be taken by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. Although the Procurator Fiscal may have regard to the Commission's guidance, decisions regarding prosecution are for the Procurator Fiscal alone.

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The latest date for delivery of return of declarations as to election expenses for this by-election is 17 May 2019.