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Dear Clerk

Date: 13 October 2022

**West Swindon Parish**

As you will be aware your Parish is up for election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This election will be held in conjunction with the Borough Council elections held on the same day.

The cost of the election is a proportional re-charge to your Parish Council should the election be contested. Certain costs for a contested election will be split between the parish and the borough where the borough ward is contested (e.g. printing and postage of poll cards, polling station hire and staffing, transport costs etc.), whilst others will be borne solely by the parish (e.g. printing and postage of parish postal vote packs, printing of parish ballot papers, counting of parish votes etc.).

The estimate has been calculated based on the most recent costs and current electorate, and will be subject to change of up to 10% in particular costs as required by inflationary increases since the May 2022 elections. Parishes that are warded will have costs broken down for each ward.

If your Parish, or Parish Ward is uncontested then the cost would be £120 per contest. The estimated costs relating to your Parish for a contested election are as follows:

Parish Ward Name	Estimated Costs
Eastleaze & Shaw	£1,936
Freshbrook	£3,119
Grange Park	£3,439
Middleaze & Ramleaze	£3,055
Peatmoor & Sparcells	£2,763
Toothill	£3,417
Westlea	£2,802

I trust that this information will be of some use to you when considering your precept.

I enclose an election timetable for your information which shows the key dates in relation to the elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Yours sincerely

Matt Box

Head of Elections and Democracy