

## **Local Government Elections**

### **Briefing Notes**

Listed below are some of the questions that have been raised in connection with the forthcoming election which may be of general interest.

#### **Question:**

What is the effective date from which Election Expenses are incurred?

#### **Answer:**

The Electoral Commission has confirmed that the date from which election expenses are incurred is the last date for publication of the Notice of Election. The statutory deadline for publication is **27<sup>th</sup> March, 2007**.

Local arrangements regarding the date on which the Notice is published have no affect. So whilst in Charnwood we will publish the Notice of Election on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, to allow Candidates a longer period in which to submit their Nomination Papers, this has no bearing on the statutory position regarding election expenses.

Specific queries regarding Election Expenses should be referred to the Electoral Commission (Telephone: 020 7271 0500).

#### **Question:**

To overcome language barriers at the forthcoming elections can Political Parties issue voters with details of the number(s) of their Candidates on the ballot papers?

#### **Answer:**

We would caution Political Parties against issuing election literature that could, in any way, be construed as appearing similar to the ballot paper. Having said that, there is nothing that would lead us to believe that the provision of a Candidate's number to electors either orally or in written form in conducting an Election Campaign is contrary to elections law.