

DESCRIPTION OF OPTION

This option proposes a saving in relation to the budget that would ordinarily be allocated for a local election to be held in May 2013. There is no local election required in May 2013.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

The Council each year makes budgetary provision for a local election. Given that there are no planned local elections in 2013/14, a one-off saving of £180k for 2013/14 subject to provision being provided as a contingency.

IMPACT

Although there are no planned local elections in 2013/14, there is always a risk that a by-election is required to be held. Furthermore, under the Localism Act 2010, it is possible for a 'neighbourhood referendum' to be called.

MITIGATION

Should a by-election is or neighbourhood referendum be called, a contingency budget will be required to meet such potential obligations and risks.