

Blackpool Council

Fees for Council elections and by-elections

A. Returning Officer's Fees

Fee for conducting the election and generally performing the duties required other than any duties for which separate fees are provided:

The fee payable to the Returning Officer for a local election (which is held every four years) is the same as the fee set nationally for the last equivalent election/referendum run on the local authority boundary.

For a local by election the Returning Officer's fee is 10% of the fee for a full local election. For additional by-elections taking place on the same day, a discretionary rate will be applied.

B. (i) Deputy Returning Officer's Fees (full powers)

Fee for conducting and generally performing the duties assigned by the Returning Officer, other than any duties for which separate fees are provided - 75% of Returning Officer fee.

(ii) Deputy Returning Officer's Fees (specific powers)

The Returning Officer has the discretion to determine the level of fees taking into account the responsibilities and time undertaken when performing these duties.

C. Polling staff

The Returning Officer may vary these rates for a combined election/referendum, on the basis of fees set nationally.

	Fee
Presiding Officer	
Polling day	£200
Training fee	£30
Poll Clerk	
Polling day	£120
Training fee	£20
Polling Station Inspector	
Polling day	£200
Training fee – Presiding Officer training	£30

Note: SCP = Spinal Column Point and refers to the appropriate level on the Council's pay scales.

	Fee
Training fee for each Polling Station Inspector training	£15

D. Issue and opening of postal votes

A 50% reduction will be applied for Council staff during normal working hours.

Postal Issue Supervisor	SCP 26
Postal Issuer	SCP 14
Postal Vote Opening Room Supervisor	SCP 33
Postal Vote Opening Team Member	SCP 18

E. Count

A 50% reduction will be applied for Council staff during normal working hours. For any Count taking place outside of normal working hours, the first hour will be paid at double time, with the appropriate rate applied for any hours worked thereafter.

Count Assistant	SCP 14
Count Deputy Table Supervisor	SCP 26
Count Table Supervisor	SCP 33
Other count roles – at the discretion of the Returning Officer	

F. Other duties

A 50% reduction will be applied for Council staff during normal working hours.

Poll cards - preparation	Own staff SCP rate up to a max of SCP 30.
Poll cards - delivery	16p per card
For providing general clerical assistance / technical support	Own staff SCP rate up to a max of SCP 30.
Providing/ delivering training (unless covered elsewhere)	SCP 26

(Should circumstances require, additional clerical payments may be made at the discretion of the Returning Officer)

G. Mileage / travel

Mileage payments for all roles will be subject to individual claims and will be at the rate equivalent to the Council's lowest casual user rate if used car or actual and necessary cost.

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H. Unsociable working hours

Any work which may be undertaken during evenings and Saturdays will be paid at time and a half. Any work undertaken on Sundays and Bank Holidays will be paid at double time. (ie outside of the Council's normal core working hours).

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