

# Return of candidate spending: Local government elections in England

Enter identification mark  
as on candidate's declaration

## Section 1 – Details of candidate and election

Electoral area

Local authority

Number of  
electors

Date you became  
a candidate

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

Date of election

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

Date election  
results declared

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

Candidate name

Registered party (if applicable)

Are you a joint candidate? With how many others?

Spending limit (see page 2 for calculation)

## Section 2 – Details of election agent

Agent's name

Date election  
agent appointed

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D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

I am the agent responsible for delivering this  
return of candidate's expenses under Part II  
of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

I am the candidate and I was my own election  
agent. I am responsible for delivering this  
return of candidate's expenses under Part II of  
the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Signature of agent

Today's date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Section 3 – Summary of spending

If you have information to report about candidate  
spending you should use the worksheets to set out  
the details for each item.

### Section 3a – Types of payment

Worksheets	£.pp/Nil
<b>Worksheet 1</b> <b>Payments made</b> Total in column – Amount incurred (£)	£
<b>Worksheet 2</b> <b>Notional spending</b> Total in column – Value of notional spending (£)	£
<b>Worksheet 3</b> <b>Other authorised spending (s75)</b> Total in column – Amount incurred (£)	£
<b>Worksheet 4</b> <b>Invoices not received</b> Total in column – Amount incurred (£)	£
<b>Worksheet 5</b> <b>Payments not made</b> Total in column – Amount incurred (£)	£
<b>Total election spending</b>	£

### Section 3b – Categories of spending

This is the total of any lines marked as the relevant  
category A-F on worksheets 1-5.

Category	£.pp/Nil
<b>A.</b> Advertising	£
<b>B.</b> Unsolicited material to voters	£
<b>C.</b> Transport	£
<b>D.</b> Public meetings	£
<b>E.</b> Agent & other staff costs	£
<b>F.</b> Accommodation & administration	£
<b>Total election spending</b>	£

**Total spending for 3a should equal the total  
spending for 3b.**

If they are not equal, then check you have selected  
a category A-F in every line in worksheets 1-5. Then  
you need to add each line marked with that category  
together to get a subtotal for that category.

## Section 4 – Statement of all personal expenses incurred

Please provide details of personal expenditure on the worksheet labelled 'Personal expenses'.

Personal expenses are the reasonable travel and living expenses of the candidate for the purpose of campaigning in the election.

Personal expenses do not count against the candidate's limit and they should not duplicate anything already declared as election spending under section 3.

Total amount of personal expenses

## Section 5 – Donations

Tell us if you have received any relevant donations, and so have completed and attached the worksheets on:

Permissible donations Yes  No

Impermissible donations Yes  No

Total value of permissible donations accepted

Total value of impermissible donations rejected

## Submit this return to the appropriate Returning Officer within 35 days of the declaration of the result.

It must be accompanied by a separate declaration signed by the election agent verifying this return.

Within **7 working days** of submitting this return, the candidate must also submit a signed declaration verifying this return.

These declarations can be found on the Electoral Commission website:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/England-local-elections-completing-return>

## Spending limit

The spending limit is calculated by adding together a fixed amount and a variable amount based on the number of registered electors in the ward you are contesting:

£960 + 8p per registered local government elector in the ward.

The number of electors is based on the register on the last date for publication of the notice of election. Your local elections office will be able to tell you how many electors are in your ward.

If you are a joint candidate then your spending limit is reduced, depending on how many other candidates you are joint with:

One other – reduce by 25%/a quarter.

Two or more others – reduce by 33%/a third.















