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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 986/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Can you please provide me with the estimated or actual amount of money spent by the local authority on the following items when administering i) the 2016 EU referendum and ii) the 2017 UK General Election?

1. Printing ballot papers.
2. Distributing postal votes within the UK
3. Distributing postal votes abroad
4. Staff time for:
  - a. manning polling stations
  - b. counting ballot papers
  - c. administering postal votes and proxy vote applications
  - d. processing received postal votes
5. Promotional material highlighting the date of the vote across the local authority
6. Pencils at polling stations
7. Polling booths
8. Ballot boxes
9. Tactile voting devices
10. Training staff (both counting staff and staff manning polling stations)
11. Signs directing voters to the polling station
12. Polling station signs
13. Hiring polling stations
14. Transporting ballot papers from polling stations to count centres
15. Storing completed ballot papers after the election
16. Provision of disabled access at polling stations

Response:

Rutland County Council does not hold the full information about the costs from the 2017 UK General Election. Rutland comes under the Rutland and Melton constituency for this event – and these figures are being provided separately by Melton Borough Council as they will have the completed figures for that event.

For EU Referendum costs, please see attached “986/17 – Spreadsheet”.



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Yours faithfully

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		EU Referendum	Notes
1	Printing Ballot Papers	3569.16	
2	Distributing Postal votes within the UK	2417.88	Unable to split between UK/Overseas accurately
3	Distributing Postal votes abroad	0.00	See above
4	Staff time for		
	a. Manning polling stations	13870.90	
	b. Count	2392.75	
	c. Administering postal and proxy votes	2216.89	
	d. processing received postal votes	1714.38	
5	promotional material	0.00	
6	pencils at polling stations	20.00	Exisiting stocks used
7	polling booths	1270.00	Based on previous cost of purchase divided by useful number of polls during lifetime
8	ballot boxes	290.00	Based on previous cost of purchase divided by useful number of polls during lifetime
9	tactile voting devices	254.00	Not purchased for UKPE - cost spread over several elections
10	training staff	2220.00	
11	signs directing to polling stns	0.00	
12	polling station signs	25.00	National cost based on large polling station signs but used for several elections
13	hire of polling stations	5744.28	
14	Transporting ballot papers to count	0.00	Transported by Presiding Officer and therefore included in mileage payment for each Presiding Officer
15	storing completed ballot papers	0.00	
16	Provision of disabled access at polling stations	0.00	
TOTALS		36005.24	