

4. What are the resource implications including non-financial resources:

4.1 The table below summarises the costs and resources required to deliver a local election. These costs do not account for the 5 FTE employees in the Elections Team. It should be noted that these costs are dependent on timescales and the laying of any Statutory Order in Parliament to postpone the elections.

Task	Target Date	Indicative saving if election is postponed
<u>Venues</u> The polling stations and count venue has been booked. 55 venues in total. The booking payments have not yet been made. Cancellation costs may be incurred.	Completed	£10,000 – not yet paid. Cancellation costs may be incurred.
<u>Staffing</u> There are approximately 450 roles needed to deliver a local election. This consists of polling staff, postal vote staff and count staff.	Recruitment process to start in mid-January 2026	£120,000
<u>Logistics</u> A logistics contractor is employed to assist with this and to work towards checking and repairing booths, placing orders for the hire of equipment, arranging schedules for delivery to polling stations and resourcing their additional staff. The cost of this is £30,000 and it is estimated that £10,000 would be payable if the elections were postponed.	Logistics arrangements agreed by mid-January	£20,000
<u>Publicity and Communications</u> Publicity and communications advising of forthcoming elections and the need to register to vote. This usually begins in late February 26.	Late February	Internal
<u>Printing</u> Poll cards, ballot papers and postal vote papers will need to be printed in advance. Arrangements will need to be made with the print providers. Proofs for poll cards and postal vote stationery will need to be finalised by early March 2026.	Proofs for poll cards finalised by early March 26	£15,000
<u>Postage</u> Poll cards and postal votes will need to be posted to electors.	Poll cards – w/c 23 March 26 Postal votes – 23 April 26	£100,000