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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 3 January 2025, for information about local elections.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request:**

Please provide between January 2021- December 2024:

- How often local election cycles are held excluding by-elections. For example, the full council is elected every four years or a third of councillors are elected every year except the county council year.
- The year or years local elections took place in the latest cycle since 2021 excluding by-elections. For example, if there is one local election where all councillors are elected once every four years then provide the year in which that election was held. If councillors are elected by thirds over a four year period then provide all years within the time period that these elections took place in the latest cycle to elect all councillors.
- The total cost of each local council election held excluding by-elections broken down by election. For example, if there is one election where all councillors are elected once every four years then provide the cost of running that election. If councillors are elected by thirds over a four year period then provide the costs for each of those three elections in the latest cycle.

Please see an example response below:

Full election date	Cost of election
May-21	X
May-22	X
May-23	X
May-24	X

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council have three combined Elections every four years for all 55 Local Government Councillors across 21 wards, Doncaster's Elected Mayor x1 and all 304 Town/Parish Councillors across 37 Town/Parish Council's 55 wards = total of 360.

The last Local Government combined Elections took place in 2021. However due to Covid the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections were postponed from 2020 along with a small Neighbourhood Planning Referendum meaning they too were combined with our 2021 Elections. Due to Covid the Government also provided funding to make sure we were able to deliver Elections safely to both staff and those voting, all Covid related costs are not included in the below figures and were taken from the Covid funding allocation.

Out of the 55 Town and Parish Council wards, 14 were contested and the total in the table is for those 14 only. The number of Town/Parish Councils contested is different each time.

<b>Election</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Elected Mayor	£295,086.77
Local Government Councillors	£183,524.77
Town/Parish Councillors	£62,721.60
Police and Crime Commissioner	£237,078.63
Neighbourhood Planning Referendum	£3,331.12

All costs are NET except Police and Crime Commissioner costs, which are GROSS due to VAT being paid and then central government deal with claiming any VAT back.

The next Local Government Combined Elections take place this year on 1 May for Elected Mayor, Local Government Councillors and Town/Parish Councillors.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

### **Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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