

**BRECKLAND COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 26 MARCH 2008**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**ELECTION FEES: COUNTY DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**Summary:** To consider the adoption of a scale of fees for County, District and Parish Council elections for the year commencing 1 April 2008, as recommended by the Norfolk Chief Executives.

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Chief Executives of Norfolk District Councils have agreed to seek their respective authorities' adoption of a scale of fees recommended for elections to be held in the county during 2008. The new schedule applies to the financial year rather than the calendar year as previously.
- 1.2 The report approved by the Chief Executives and the proposed Schedule of Fees is attached. Details of 2007 fees will be available at the meeting if required. The major fees, those payable to polling day staff, are unchanged; these are now geared to Parliamentary/European fees set nationally which have not been revised this year.
- 1.3 There are no County, District and Parish ordinary elections scheduled throughout this period. The revised fees would apply only to any casual vacancies that may occur during the year.

**2. KEY DECISION**

- 2.1 This is not a key decision.

**3. OPTIONS**

- 3.1 To accept the fees recommended for the year commencing 1 April 2008.
- 3.2 To reject the recommended fees and set alternatives.

**4. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 Adoption of the Scale of Fees would mean that rates are being applied consistently by authorities in Norfolk.

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Scale of Fees be adopted.