



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Election Accounts
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (extension 6314)
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Mr. Gareth Quinn, Senior Democratic Services Officer (extension 6316)

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	There is a requirement for the Election Accounts for the running of the Local Government Elections in May 2011 to be notified to the Council. The statement of expenditure in respect of the Elections which were held earlier in the year is set out below:

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>																																				
2.1	The total cost of the Elections was £343,578 as compared with a cost of £274,975 for the Local Elections in 2005, an increase of £68,603. This increase is due principally to higher postage costs of £23,742 and an increase in staffing costs of £37,315.																																				
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	N/A

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	The Committee is asked to note the statement of expenditure for the Elections.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
Officers responsible:  Mr. Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager	