

**Scottish Local Government Elections - Shetland Islands Council  
- Thursday 4 May 2017**

**Limit of Candidates' Election Expenses**

The Limit on Candidates' Election Expenses is based on £740 plus 6p per entry in the register of electors as at **Wednesday 22 March 2017** (ie the last date for the publication of the Notice of Election).

However, in order to give you an indication of the approximate limit, I have currently based the calculation on the electorate as at **20 February 2017**. This document will be re-issued to you as soon as possible after **Wednesday 22 March 2017**.

It must be stressed that these amounts are **maximum** amounts and that, in addition to verifying the relevant calculation given below (the accuracy of which is not guaranteed), Candidates and their Election Agents must ascertain the amounts applicable to themselves by reference to the relevant legislation, in particular:-

- The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2005) and
- The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2012.

<b>Ward No and Name</b>	<b>No of Entries in the register as at 20/02/2017</b>	<b>Amount per entry in register</b>	<b>Plus lump sum</b>	<b>Total Expenses Limit</b>
1 North Isles	2233	6p	£740	£873.98
2 Shetland North	2488	6p	£740	£889.28
3 Shetland West	2029	6p	£740	£861.74
4 Shetland Central	2404	6p	£740	£884.24
5 Shetland South	2878	6p	£740	£912.68
6 Lerwick North	2329	6p	£740	£879.74
7 Lerwick South	3437	6p	£740	£946.22

Your attention is also drawn to the spending limits for joint candidates. At Local Government Elections, candidates can be considered to be joint candidates for the purpose of their election spending limits. People can only be joint candidates when they stand in the same ward.

Candidates are to be considered joint candidates if they do any of the following:

- **Employ the same election agent**
- Use the services of the same clerks or messengers
- Hire or use the same committee rooms at an election
- Publish joint addresses, circulars or notices at elections

Maximum spending limits **are reduced** in the case of joint candidates.

- Where there are 2 joint candidates, the candidate limit is reduced by a quarter (25%)
- Where there are 3 or more joint candidates, the limit for each is reduced by a third (33%)

Candidates are referred to the Electoral Commission's Guidance for Candidates and Agents (Part 6) for more information.

Forms, declarations and spreadsheets to report and declare a candidate's spending, as required in law, will be provided to the candidate's election agent after the close of nomination.

**Please Note:-**

- The final electorate cannot be confirmed until after the close of registration on Thursday 13 April 2017. This does not change the expenses limit which is based on the last date for the publication of the Notice of Election.

**Jan-Robert Riise  
Returning Officer**

28 February 2017