



Reference: FOI0252

Request:

I would like to make a freedom of information request regarding expenditure at this years local council elections.

I would like a summary of the amount spent by each candidate in each ward.

If possible I would also appreciate a break down of the total spend from each party across the entire borough.

Response:

This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means.

The reason for this is that this information is publicly available.

We do not hold this information in the format requested. However, we are required under Section 89 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to retain a copy of each election spending return and any accompanying documents for a period of 2 years beginning on the date when the return is received and during that period make copies available for public inspection without charge.

Anyone can also request copies of the returns and accompanying documents which must be supplied on payment of the fee of 20p per side.

If you wish to either inspect or make copies of candidates' spending returns, please email your request to NTC.Elections@northtyneside.gov.uk and we will be happy to assist.