

FORM FOR PROPOSALS FOR DAPTC AGM

To be submitted by 12 noon Friday 30th September 2022

NAME OF COUNCILCorfe Castle Parish Council

Please note that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) requests this information and careful completion of the form will increase the chances of a proposal being accepted by NALC

1. Please give the motion your Council would like considered at the DAPTC AGM

DAPTC requests Dorset Council help parish and town councils with budget preparation for 2023/24 by providing an election cost calculator. This will enable parishes to determine whether they include a potential cost for an election ahead of May 2024 and to hold a reasonably accurate amount in the budget for such purposes.

If approved, the resulting actions:

DAPTC write to Dorset Council to request they provide a calculator for all parish councils in the Dorset Council area for inclusion in budget discussions ahead of precept submission in January 2023.

2. Please give the reason (as thoroughly as possible) why your Council is submitting this motion.

Corfe Castle Parish Council, believe some smaller Town Councils, and Parish Council's may not have the finances to promote a local election once a Cllr resigns.

3. Please state how this issue is affecting parish and town councils in Dorset (with case study evidence please) and try not to duplicate answers from previous questions please.

Most Council's run a tight budget, specially with the effect of Covid and now with the rise in the cost of living. CCPC recently held a local election, as more than 10 residents registered and despite contacted Legal and Democratic Services, for a guide to the overall cost, we found ourselves paying over £1000 more than expected. Although CCPC had a Local Election reserve, we found this reserve was not enough and had to use some general reserves. If this process were to happen a couple of times within one year, a Council may find themselves with financial issues.

4. If you have information on how this issue is affecting parish and town councils nationally and why this is a national issue please give this and try not to duplicate answers from earlier questions please.

5. If relevant, please tell us exactly what aspect of national parish policy your Council would like NALC to lobby Government on (with case study evidence please).

6. If you have the information, please tell us exactly which part of primary or secondary legislation (or secondary regulation/statutory instrument) your Council would like to be changed as a result of NALC/local lobbying.

7. If relevant, please state what other action your Council would like NALC and its Policy Committee to take if this motion is adopted.

CCPC request the cost of holding a local election be looked at, with the aim of reducing the cost to local councils, as we believe if the cost was significantly lower, then more Councils with vacancies would publish the vacancy more with the aim of trying to hold a local election which is a democratic process rather than Co-opting a new Cllr.

8. If you have the information, please confirm the names of any other organisation or local council that formally support your Council's motion.

If you have any supporting documents to be jointly considered with your Council's motion – please e-mail them with this form to DAPTC.