

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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| REPORT TO: | Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder | 6 October 2009 |
| AUTHOR/S: | Returning Officer / Electoral and Support Services Manager | |

BALSHAM BY ELECTION

Purpose

1. To request that £3,900 be drawn from Precautionary Items to pay for the Balsham by election held on 4 June 2009.

Background

2. Previously, budgeting for potential District Council by elections had led to underspends on the election budget during years in which no by elections took place. Consequently, at his meeting on 20 January 2009 (Minute 24(d) refers), the Finance Portfolio Holder supported the provision of a budget of £4,000 for such expenses within Precautionary Items, the release of funding from which would be reserved to the Portfolio Holder as required.

Considerations

3. The by election for the Balsham Ward resulted in an overspend on the election budget. No funds have been identified for virement at this point, therefore the Portfolio Holder is **recommended** to approve the drawing of £3,900 from Precautionary Items to meet the associated costs.

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