**Selection Rules**

Returning Officers may claim reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out their duties. They must claim these as soon as possible after the selection. Claims should be in line with the expense rules in Returning Officers’ Guidance.

**Principles behind the rules**

There is an expectation that Returning Officers give their time voluntarily and without charge, but that the expenses of travel, stationery and communication costs should be refunded to them.

If a Returning Officer feels they wish to donate those expenses back to the Party, they are free to do so, but in doing so, please let the Local Party know what has been involved so they have that insight for next time. Alternatively, make the claim and donate it back elsewhere in the organization.

We are keen that Local or Regional Parties do not come to expect Returning Officers to pay their own expenses. Returning Officers are selected on the basis of their skills and experience, not on the contents or otherwise of their bank accounts!

**Expenses (based on standard party rates)**

**Travel**

Public transport 2nd class rail or standard bus

Car mileage 25p per mile

Bicycle 7p per mile

**Stationery, copying, postage, other communication**

At cost  It is not essential that you produce receipts for the ‘at cost’ items, but if you have them, it is helpful to share that information.