



caring about you & your environment

Report 01.450

25 June 2001

File: E/1/1/1

Report to Policy and Finance Committee
from Ted Maguire, Council Secretary

Local Electoral Act

1. **Purpose**

The report the enactment of the Local Elections Act 2001.

2. **Comment**

The New Local Electoral Act gained the Royal Assent on 29 May 2001. Electoral Regulations and a Code of Practice are still being worked on.

There are a number of significant changes affecting candidates. I will be making a full report to the Committee on 10 July.

One aspect that intending candidates should be aware of at this stage, is the limits on campaign expenses in the three months prior to the election (i.e. the clock starts ticking on 14 July). It is a requirement that all expenses be declared to the Electoral Officer (me).

3. **Recommendation**

That the Committee receive this Report.

TED MAGUIRE
Electoral Officer