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We do not regulate the conduct or management of a hustings. However we do recommend that if you organise a hustings, you should give some thought to what you will do to ensure the safety and security of the representatives who attend your event, and control the event effectively. It is important that voters have access to information be enable them to make an informed decision when casting their vote. You should therefore think about how you will make your event accessible. Last updated: 10 July 2023

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anyone organising a hustings. Hustings A hustings is a meeting where election

candidates or parties debate policies and answer questions from the audience.

Hustings provide voters with an opportunity to hear the views of candidates or

parties. When all candidates or parties standing are invited, a hustings does not

promote any particular candidate or party because they all have the opportunity to

speak and be questioned. This guidance explains when spending on a hustings may be

regulated and when it is not. Some hustings cannot be reasonably regarded as intended

to promote any parties or candidates over any others. We call this a 'non-selective

hustings'. Spending on a non-selective hustings is not regulated and does not need to

be reported by anyone. The guidance also explains situations in which a hustings can

be reasonably regarded as intended to promote the candidates or parties who attend.

We call this a 'selective hustings'. In this case either the hustings organiser or

the candidates or parties may need to account for the spending. You can choose

whether your hustings is selective or non-selective. [Book traversal links for Are you](#)

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