

Report to COUNCIL

Appointment of Local Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral Elections

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Reason for Decision

The Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 formally requires that each constituent Council shall appoint an Officer of the Council to be the Local Returning Officer for the election of a Combined Authority Mayor.

Recommendations

The Council is requested to appoint the Chief Executive, Carolyn Wilkins, as the Returning Officer for the Council at Combined Authority Mayoral elections.

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1 Background

- 1.1 Under Section 35 (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, Councils are required to appoint an Officer to be the Returning Officer for local elections.
- 1.2 In the version of the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 circulated prior to the draft Order being formally laid before Parliament, the Returning Officer at local elections was automatically the Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral elections.
- 1.3 In the final legislation which became law on 31 January 2017, Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 has been modified by paragraph 1 (5) of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Order, so as to provide that a separate Returning Officer appointment should be made for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election.
- 1.4 It is therefore requested that a specific appointment of a Returning Officer for the Council at Combined Authority Mayoral elections is made.

2 Background Papers

- 2.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

The Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 Statutory Instrument