

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER AND RETURNING OFFICER

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Council for the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer in accordance with the representation of the People Act 1983.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council is recommended to confirm:

- (A) That the Chief Executive be appointed as Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with Section 8(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.
- (B) That the Chief Executive be appointed as Returning Officer in accordance with Section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.
- (C) That the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) be appointed Deputy Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with Section 52(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In November 2008 the Council appointed the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) as its Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer following the resignation of the former Chief Executive, Carolyn Downs.
- 3.2 This decision was taken to ensure continuity in the offices during the preparation for and administration of the local and European Parliamentary elections in 2009 while the Council had an Interim Chief Executive.
- 3.3 However, now that the new Chief Executive has taken up his office, it is appropriate to appoint him as the Council's Electoral Registration Officer and also Returning Officer.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
None
Human Rights Act Appraisal
The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998
Environmental Appraisal
N/A
Risk Management Appraisal
The Council has a statutory duty to appoint an Electoral Registration Officer
Community / Consultations Appraisal
N/A
Cabinet Member
Keith Barrow
Local Member
All
Appendices
None