


Agenda Item No:	15	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	23 February 2017	
Report Title:	Appointment of Returning Officer for the election of a Combined Authority Mayor	

1 Purpose / Summary

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 the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Mayor.

2 Key issues

- All Councils are required to appoint an officer to be its Returning Officer in accordance with Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983. For Fenland District Council that is the Chief Executive.
- Ordinarily statutory provisions will provide that a Council's Returning Officer will also be the Returning Officer for any other polls held in the District (such as the Police and Crime Commissioner).
- However, the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 provides 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.

3 Recommendations

- To appoint Paul Medd, Chief Executive as the Returning Officer for the district of Fenland in respect of the Combined Authority Mayor poll to be held on 4th May 2017.
- To authorise the Returning Officer to appoint, if required, Deputy and/or Deputies, in his absence, to undertake those responsibilities on his behalf.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	
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