

COMBINED AUTHORITY (MAYORAL ELECTIONS) ORDER 2017 – APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Committee: Council

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1 The appointment of the Returning Officer for the election of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are requested to:

- (i) appoint John Hill, Chief Executive, as the Returning Officer (East Cambridgeshire) for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayoral Elections to be held in May 2017;
- (ii) authorise the Returning Officer to appoint, if required, Deputy and/or Deputies, in his absence, to undertake those responsibilities on his behalf.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Electoral Commission have advised each constituent Council that they must formally appoint a Returning Officer for each local area within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. This is a requirement of The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The Returning Officer is responsible for running the Combined Authority Mayoral elections at a local level (at a District Council or Unitary Council area).
- 4.2 In the absence of the appointed Returning Officer, he/she needs to be authorised to appoint deputy/deputies to undertake duties on his/her behalf.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayoral elections for the East Cambridgeshire local area is £64,771. In addition, there will be combined area wide costs related to the Candidates Address booklets and Combined Area Returning Officer costs. The cost of the Mayoral election will be funded by the Combined Authority.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 None

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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