

COMMITTEE REPORT

CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

9 FEBRUARY 2017

APPOINTMENT OF THE 'RETURNING OFFICER' FOR COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval for the appointment of Bryn Roberts, Monitoring Officer, as the Returning Officer for the purposes of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Elections in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 ("the Act") and The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations").

BACKGROUND

- 2 Members may recall the decision taken on 29 September 2016 to appoint Bryn Roberts as Returning Officer for the running of various electoral franchises, including Parliamentary, European, Local, and Parish elections.
- 3 The Council has, however, recently been informed that, for the purposes of the Combined Authority Mayoral Election, a specific appointment to the role of Returning Officer is required; the Council cannot rely upon previous appointments to the role of Returning Officer.
- 4 As a consequence, the Committee is asked to confirm the appointment of Bryn Roberts as Returning Officer or Counting Officer for the purpose of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election, in accordance with the Act and Regulation 9 of the Regulations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5 There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6 It is therefore recommended that, with immediate effect, committee appoints Bryn Roberts, Monitoring Officer, as the Council's Returning Officer for the purposes of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 7 To comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations.

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