

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**PUBLIC REPORT**

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	CITY SOLICITOR
Date of Decision:	13 FEBRUARY 2017
SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTION OF A COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYOR.
Wards:	ALL

1. Purpose of report:
1.1 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.

2. Recommendations :
It is recommended that Council Business Management Committee;
2.1 Appoint the Head of Paid Services to be the Returning Officer for the City of Birmingham in respect of the Combined Authority Mayor poll to be held on 4 th May 2017.

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3. Relevant background:

- 3.1 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 the election of councillors within the City. The Returning Officer's general duty at those elections is to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for the effectual conduct of those elections. For Birmingham City Council that is normally the Head of Paid Services.
- 3.2 Ordinarily statutory provisions will provide that the person appointed as the Returning Officer for principal area elections (i.e. city council elections) will also be appointed as the Local Returning Officer for any other polls held in the City (such as the Police and Crime Commissioner).
- 3.3 However the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 requires that each constituent council **shall** appoint an officer of the council to be the local Returning Officer specifically for the combined authority mayoral election.

Signatures of approval to submit the report to Committee:

Kate Charlton City Solicitor

Dated: