

<b>Report to:</b>	Council	<b>Date:</b> 13 September 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Appointment of Local Returning Officer at the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections	
<b>Report of</b>	Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR	

## Summary

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

## Recommendation(s)

2. The Council is requested to appoint the Chief Executive, Lynne Ridsdale as the Returning Officer for Bury Council at the Combined Authority Mayoral elections.

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## Background

3. Under Section 35 (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, Councils are required to appoint an Officer to be the Returning Officer for local elections. The Chief Executive is appointed for these purposes.
  4. In the version of the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 circulated prior to the draft Order being formally laid before Parliament, the Returning Officer at local elections was automatically the Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral elections.
  5. In the final legislation which became law on 31 January 2017, Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 has been modified by paragraph 1 (5) of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Order, so as to provide that a separate Returning Officer appointment should be made for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election.
  6. It is therefore requested that a specific appointment of a Returning Officer for the Council at Combined Authority Mayoral elections is made, in line with the recommendation at the beginning of this report.
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**Legal Implications:**

7. This is a statutory requirement as set out in the body of the report.

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**Financial Implications:**

8. There are no financial implications