

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12(a)
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COMBINED AUTHORITY (MAYORAL ELECTIONS) ORDER 2017 – APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM: Rachel Parnell, Head of Constitutional Services
It is recommended that Council appoint Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive, as the Returning Officer (Peterborough City Council) for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayoral Elections to be held in May 2017.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 This report requests the Council to appoint the Returning Officer for the election of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor.

2. BACKGROUND (& CONSULTATION)

2.1 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.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Returning Officer is responsible for running the Combined Authority Mayoral elections at a Local level (at a District Council or Unitary Council area).

3.2 In absence of the appointed Returning Officer, he/she needs to be authorised to appoint deputy/ deputies to undertake duties on his/her behalf.

3.3 The estimated cost of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayoral elections for the Peterborough local area is £178,124.00. In addition, there will be combined area wide costs related to the Candidates Address booklets and Combined Area Returning Officer costs. The costs of the Mayoral election will be funded by the Combined Local Authority.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

4.1 The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

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