

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL		Urgent Item
Date of Meeting	2 December 2008	
Title of Report	Appointment of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer	
Public Report	Yes	

<p>Summary of Report</p> <p>To recommend the appointment of a Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the period 10 January 2009 to 31 March 2009.</p>
<p>Officer Recommendations</p> <p>That the Legal Services Manager be appointed Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the period 10 January 2009 to 31 March 2009.</p>

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
No	Yes	No	No	No

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Chief Executive is presently the Returning Officer and the Electoral Registration Officer.
- 1.2 The Chief Executive's last day of employment with the Council will be 9 January 2009.
- 1.3 Section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 requires every District Council to appoint an officer of the Council to be the Returning Officer for the election of Councillors of the District and of the Parishes within the District.
- 1.4 There will possibly be at least two Parish Council elections to be held during the period 10 January-31 March 2009.
- 1.5 Section 8(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1993 also requires a District Council to appoint an officer of the Council to be the Electoral Registration Officer for any constituency situated in the District.
- 1.6 There is an ongoing requirement to maintain the Electoral Register.

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There is a statutory requirement to appoint a Returning Officer and an Electoral Registration Officer.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report: None