

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>COMBINED AUTHORITY (MAYORAL ELECTIONS) ORDER 2017 - APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>CAROLYN WHEATER, CITY SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint a local Returning Officer for organising and delivering the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayoral elections in the City of Lincoln. The first election of a Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayor is scheduled to take place on 1 May 2025.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Electoral Commission has advised that each Council must formally appoint an officer of the Council to be a Returning Officer for each local area within the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority. This is a requirement of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.
- 2.2 The Chief Executive and Town Clerk has already been appointed as Local Returning Officer for the delivery of local elections, as set out in the Council's Constitution, and has been appointed as Deputy County Returning Officer for the County Council elections also scheduled in May 2025.
- 2.3 The appointed Returning Officer will be responsible for running the Combined Authority Mayoral elections at a local level.
- 2.4 The Combined Authority must also appoint one of its officers, or one of the officers of a constituent Council, to be the Combined County Authority Returning Officer (CCARO) for the election. The Chief Executive of North East Lincolnshire Council has been appointed as the CCARO for the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayoral elections.

## **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 The Council is invited to appoint the Chief Executive and Town Clerk as the local Returning Officer for organising and delivering the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayoral elections in the City of Lincoln.

#### **4. Organisational Impacts**

##### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications relating to the appointment of a local Returning Officer.

##### **4.2 Legal Implications**

4.3 As outlined in the report.

#### **5. Recommendations**

5.1 That the Chief Executive and Town Clerk be appointed as local Returning Officer for the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayoral elections.

5.2 That the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.

**Key Decision**

No

**Do the Exempt Information  
Categories Apply?**

No

**Call in and Urgency:** Is the  
decision one to which Rule  
15 of the Scrutiny Procedure  
Rules apply?

No

**Does the report contain  
Appendices?**

None

**List of Background  
Papers:**

None

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