

TO: Council
DATE: 14th May 2008
SUBJECT: Appointment of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer
BY: Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The Council is asked to appoint a Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.

Implications:

Human Resources Implications None

Finance Implications None

Legal Implications None

Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) None

Equalities & Diversity Implications None

Sustainability Implications None

Risk Implications - The Returning Officer is personally liable for the elections and both the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer appointments need to be made by full Council.

Corporate Plan Implications - Becoming a high performing organisation

Decision Required: *The Council is asked to appoint Mr Mark Radford, Director of Corporate Services, as the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer on an interim basis until the post of Chief Executive is considered further.*

Introduction/Background

The Council is required to appoint an officer of the Council to be the Returning Officer and the Electoral Registration Officer under Sections 35 and 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983. Traditionally at Swale, the officer appointed is the Council's Chief Executive.

Recommendation

Given that the post of Chief Executive is vacant, there is a need to appoint a Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.

It is suggested that Mr Mark Radford is appointed as the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer. This will be subject to review when the post of Chief Executive is considered further.