



## Report to Council

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**Report of:** Monitoring Officer

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**Date:** 7 March 2018

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**Subject:** Appointment of Local Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral Elections

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**Author of Report:** James Henderson, Director of Policy, Performance and Communications

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**Summary:** This report requests that the Council appoints a Local Returning Officer for mayoral elections to the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Mayoral Combined Authority (commonly known as the Sheffield City Region MCA).

**Recommendations:** That the Council appoints the Chief Executive as Local Returning Officer at mayoral elections to the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Mayoral Combined Authority.

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**Background Papers:** The Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017

The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority (Election of Mayor) Order 2016

The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority (Election of Mayor) (Amendment) Order 2017

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial implications</b>
NO – Cleared by Eugene Walker
<b>Legal implications</b>
YES – Cleared by Nadine Wynter
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b>
NO – Cleared by Michael Bowles
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b>
NO
<b>Human rights implications</b>
N/A
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
N/A
<b>Economic impact</b>
N/A
<b>Community safety implications</b>
N/A
<b>Human resources implications</b>
N/A
<b>Property implications</b>
N/A
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
All
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>
N/A
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
YES
<b>Press release</b>
NO

## **1. Introduction and Purpose**

1.1 This report requests that the Council appoints a Local Returning Officer for mayoral elections to the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Mayoral Combined Authority (commonly known as the Sheffield City Region MCA).

## **2. Background**

2.1 Under Section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act (1983), the Council is required to appoint an Officer to be Returning Officer for local elections. The Chief Executive is appointed for these purposes.

2.2 Paragraph 1(5) of schedule 2 of the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 modified section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to require each constituent authority of a Combined Authority to separately appoint a Local Returning Officer for the purposes of mayoral elections.

2.3 Mayoral elections to the Sheffield City Region MCA are due to take place on 3 May 2018. It is therefore a requirement that Sheffield City Council, as a constituent member of the Combined Authority, appoint a Local Returning Officer in advance of the publication of notice of election on 27 March 2018.

2.4 The Council is therefore requested to appoint a Local Returning Officer in line with the recommendations of this report.

## **3. Legal Implications**

3.1 The relevant legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

3.2 Members should note that this formal appointment requires the approval of Full Council.

## **4. Equality of Opportunity Implications**

4.1 There are no equality of opportunity implications arising from this decision.

## **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision.

## **6. Recommendations**

6.1 That the Council appoints the Chief Executive as Local Returning Officer at mayoral elections to the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Mayoral Combined Authority.