

<b>Report to:</b>	Council	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	2 March 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Election – Appointment of Local Returning Officer	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Regulation and Compliance		
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No	<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Exempt/Confidential</b>	No		

### Purpose/Summary

The purpose of the report is to enable the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to appoint a Local Returning Officer in respect of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Election on Thursday 4 May 2017.

### Recommendations

Council is requested to appoint Margaret Carney (Chief Executive) to act as the Local Returning Officer (LRO) in respect of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Election which will take place on Thursday 4 May 2017;

### Reasons for the Recommendation:

The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 provides that each constituent authority must appoint one of its officers to act as the Local Returning Officer for the combined authority mayoral election.

### How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		*	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		*	
3	Environmental Sustainability		*	
4	Health and Well-Being		*	
5	Children and Young People		*	
6	Creating Safe Communities		*	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		*	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	*		

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

All costs associated with the election, including the estimated £500,000 printing and postage costs referred to in the report, will be met by the Combined Authority. Any costs associated with the functions of Sefton's Returning Officer will be contained within the allocated funding from the Combined Authority.

### (B) Capital Costs

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

### Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b> – The cost of the election is to be funded by the Combined Authority	
<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

Each constituent council must appoint an officer of the council to be the local Returning Officer for the combined authority mayoral election. Local Returning Officers are personally responsible for running the combined authority mayoral election at a local level.

### What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD 4514/17) has been consulted and comments have been incorporated into the report and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.3797/17) have been consulted and have no comments on the report.

### Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting on 2 March 2017

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### Background Papers:

None

## **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 provides that each constituent authority within the Liverpool City Region must appoint one of its officers to act as the Local Returning Officer for the combined authority mayoral election to take place on 4 May 2017.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the Chief Executive, Margaret Carney be appointed as the Local Returning Officer for the Borough of Sefton
- 1.3 The Department of Constitution and Local Government has stated that the costs of the election will be met by the Combined Authority which is in accordance with the regulations. Estimated costs of the election have been estimated based on the “maximum recoverable amounts” allocated to the each constituent council in respect of the Police and Crime Commissioner Election and EU referendum held in 2016.
- 1.4 Each Local Returning Officer shall be allocated a proportion of the proposed budget, again based on the allocation for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election and EU Referendum. In addition to the above costs there is a legal requirement for a separate candidate booklet to be produced and delivered to every registered elector in the region. The postage and printing costs for this are estimated to be approximately £500,000.