

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTION
APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER**

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader

**Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith,
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To appoint the Chief Executive as the Local Returning Officer for the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

Summary

2. Legislation requires the Council to formally appoint a Local Returning Officer for the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Ada Burns, Chief Executive, be formally appointed as the Local Returning Officer for the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

Reason

4. The recommendation is supported to ensure a formal appointment is made in accordance with legislative requirements.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

Background Papers

Email from the Electoral Commission dated 31 January 2017.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues in relation to Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	There are no issues in relation to Health and Wellbeing.
Sustainability	There are no issues in relation to Sustainability
Diversity	There are no issues relating to Diversity which this report needs to address
Wards Affected	All Wards are affected equally
Groups Affected	There is no impact on any particular group.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend any change to the Budget or Policy Framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report does not adversely impact on the Strategy
Efficiency	This report does not have any direct impact on efficiency.

MAIN REPORT

Information

5. Every county, district, unitary and metropolitan council in England is required to appoint an officer of the Council to be the Returning Officer for the election of councillors to their local authority.
6. In Darlington the Council the Chief Executive is the Returning Officer.
7. As Members will be aware the Election for a Mayor for the Tees Valley Combined Authority will be held on 4 May 2017.
8. The Council has been advised by the Electoral Commission that the final legislation requires a separate appointment of a Local Returning Officer for the Mayoral Election.

The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017

9. The Council therefore, under the above Order, must formally appoint an Officer to be the local Returning Officer for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election.
10. This report requests the Council to formally appoint Ada Burns, Chief Executive, as the Local Returning Officer for Darlington for the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election scheduled for 4 May 2017.