



## **COUNCIL, 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer**

The Council is required by law to appoint an Officer to the position of 'Electoral Registration Officer'. This position is responsible for maintaining the Electoral Register.

If there were a legal challenge to any act of including, or refusing to include, somebody within the register of electors, it is the Electoral Registration Officer that would convene and conduct the hearing required by statute.

Council can appoint a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer who could carry out the duties of the Electoral Registration Officer in his/her absence.

The appointment of the Deputy Electoral Registration Officer will mitigate risks in the event that the Electoral Registration Officer is unavailable as his deputy will be able to make legal judgments regarding the Electoral Register on their behalf. The Deputy Electoral Registration Officer would not receive any additional payment.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Electoral Services Manager be appointed as the Deputy Electoral Registration Officer, with the full powers of the Electoral Registration Officer in their absence.

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