

Council – 11th September 2006

Appointment of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer

Summary of report

This report enables the Council to appoint its Electoral Registration Officer and a Returning Officer in accordance with the requirements of the Representation of the People Act, 1983, consequent upon the appointment of David Martin as Interim Chief Executive.

Recommendation

That the Interim Chief Executive, David Martin, be appointed Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer for the Borough in accordance with the requirements of the Representation of the People Act, 1983, with effect from 12th September, 2006.

Legal implications

The appointments are required under Sections 8 and 35 of the Representation of the People Act, 1983 (as amended).

Report detail

There are a number of “Proper Officer” appointments which Local Authorities are required to make. These are appointments which give responsibility for a specific statutory duty to a named officer.

One such “Proper Officer” appointment is the Electoral Registration Officer for the Borough. The main duty of the Registration Officer relates to the preparation and publication of the Council’s Register of Electors which is used at times of Local, Parliamentary and European Elections. The Registration Officer is also the signatory to election notices and is required to comply with any general or specific directions that may be given by the Secretary of State.

With regard to the conduct of Local Government Elections, the Representation of the People Act, 1983, states that in England every District Council shall appoint an officer of the Council to be the Returning Officer for the elections of Councillors of the District.

The appointments are currently held by Annie Shepperd. However, consequent upon the appointment of David Martin as Interim Chief Executive, it is appropriate for the Council to give consideration to the matter.

Signed:

Executive Director:

Date: 1st September 2006