



<b>Full Council</b>	<b>Thursday, 23 February 2023</b>	<b>Matter for Information and Decision</b>
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**Report Title:** **Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officers**

**Report Author(s):** **Samuel Ball (Legal & Democratic Services  
Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer)**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	This report requests the appointment of two Deputy Electoral Registration Officers to support the Electoral Registration Officer.
<b>Report Summary:</b>	The report requests that two Deputy Electoral Registration Officers be appointed for resilience and for the practicalities of implementing the new requirements as introduced by the Elections Act 2022.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<b>That the Head of Law &amp; Democracy (Monitoring Officer) and the Legal &amp; Democratic Services Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer) be appointed Deputy Electoral Registration Officers.</b>
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<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	Accountability (V1) Teamwork (V3)
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	
Legal:	Failure to appoint Deputy Electoral Registration Officers may impact on the ability to successfully implement the Elections Act 2022.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Reputation Damage (CR4) Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.

<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
<b>Consultees:</b>	None.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Appendices:</b>	None.

## **1. Information**

- 1.1 Under section 8(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council must appoint an Officer to the position of 'Electoral Registration Officer'. This position is responsible for maintaining the Electoral Register for the area. The Chief Executive is the appointed Electoral Registration Officer (ERO).
- 1.2 Under section 52(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council may appoint a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer(s) who is able to perform and exercise any of the duties and powers of the ERO.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 The changes contained in the Elections Act 2022, and in particular the Voter Identification requirements, means that there are additional tasks for the ERO, associated with the issuing of Voter Authority Certificates. As such, it is proposed that two Deputies be appointed to enable the tasks to be carried out in the most practical and appropriate way.
- 1.5 It therefore recommended that the Head of Law & Democracy (Monitoring Officer) and the Legal & Democratic Services Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer) be appointed Deputy Electoral Registration Officers.