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# **Appointment of Interim Returning Officer & Electoral Registration Officer**

## **Report by the Head of Paid Service**

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 As a consequence of the restructuring of senior management, it is necessary to make interim arrangements to cover the statutory roles of Returning Officer (RO) and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), specifically to act in respect of the County Council elections, but also in the event of any district or parish by-elections arising.
- 1.2 The Managing Director, Resources is currently RO and ERO, but he will not be in the office after the end of February. A new Managing Director, will not be in post until after the May County Council elections and so it is necessary to appoint an Officer to cover this period.
- 1.3 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has management responsibility for elections and electoral registration and consequently is the most appropriately placed to take on these roles.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

#### **2.1 It is recommended**

**that the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, be appointed Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer on an interim basis from 1st March 2013 until the new Managing Director is in post, at which time the situation will be reviewed.**

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#### **Background Documents**

Nil