

Report

Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council
Date of Meeting:	25 September 2019
Report by:	Head of Administration and Legal Services

Subject:	Appointment of Interim Returning Officer
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval of the appointment of Paul Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), Depute Chief Executive, to act as Returning Officer for election purposes, on an interim basis, following the resignation of the current post holder, until the newly appointed Chief Executive takes up post.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that Paul Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), Depute Chief Executive, be appointed as Interim Returning Officer for election purposes.

3. Background

3.1. The Chief Executive and Returning Officer for election purposes will retire on 23 September 2019.

3.2. Each Council must appoint a Returning Officer who is responsible for the organisation of elections within the Council's area. This role is usually carried out by the Chief Executive of the Council. The Returning Officer is appointed under section 41 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

4. Proposals

4.1. As a result of the retirement of the Chief Executive on 23 September 2019, the post of Returning Officer will also fall vacant and will not be filled until the new Chief Executive takes up post following the recruitment and selection process.

4.2. To ensure the ongoing management of Elections, approval is sought to appoint Paul Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), Depute Chief Executive, to fill the vacant post of Returning Officer, on an interim basis, until the newly appointed Chief Executive takes up post.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. As noted above.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Any costs associated with the role of Returning Officer are recoverable from the Westminster or Scottish Governments.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no issues in terms of risk or sustainability arising from this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an EIA in terms of this report or undertake a consultation exercise.

Geraldine McCann
Head of Administration and Legal Services

16 September 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 14 December 2011

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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