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**APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Council is now making preparations to deliver the European Parliamentary election administration for an election on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. The Regional Returning Officer for the European Parliamentary election is the Returning Officer for Falkirk Council and this Council has the responsibility to undertake the local arrangements for the poll.

The Council Chief Executive is unavailable on that date due to personal commitments, on the basis that there was no election event scheduled. In order to ensure that the Council can undertake the administrative arrangements required, in this unique circumstance, the Council is invited to agree to the appointment of Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law as the Local Returning Officer for Argyll and Bute for the conduct of the European Parliamentary elections on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council agree to the appointment of Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law as the Local Returning Officer for Argyll and Bute for the conduct of the European Parliamentary elections on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

**3.0 IMPLICATIONS**

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| 3.1 Policy                  | None   |
| 5.2 Financial               | Election expenditure is centrally funded by government subject to approval of electoral accounts.                              |
| 5.3 Legal                   | This proposal ensures compliance with Electoral legislation.   |
| 5.4 HR                      | None.  |
| 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:   |  |
| 5.5.1 Equalities -          | None   |
| 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - | None   |
| 5.5.3 Islands -             | None   |
| 5.6 Risk                    | Risk associated with short lead in time to Election. The LRO is personally responsible for the administration of the election. |
| 5.7 Customer Service        | None   |

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