

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance : 20 April 2011

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**Subject: Appointment of Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst and Food Examiner**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for an amendment to the current statutory appointments of Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst and Food Examiner for West Dunbartonshire Council. It also recommends that delegated powers be granted to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to maintain the list of statutory appointments of Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst and Food Examiner.

### **2. Background**

2.1 The Food Safety Act 1990 and Agriculture Act 1070 requires that local authorities appoint suitably qualified persons to undertake the analysis and examinations of food, fertilizers and feeding stuff samples.

2.2 Samples are procured by Environmental Health Officers and Trading Standards Officer to establish that the products are safe to consume and are of the nature, substance and quality expected.

### **3. Main Issues**

3.1 Glasgow Scientific Services provide the suitably qualified persons required by West Dunbartonshire Council. There is one minor change necessary to these appointed approved in August 2010.

3.2 The change necessary is to delete Alison Laird, Food Examiner and add Alison Aitken, Food Examiner.

### **4. People Implications**

4.1 There are no people implications.

### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 Failure to maintain an up-to-date record of statutory appointments can create legal difficulties when prosecutions are being considered.

## **7. Equalities, Health & Humans Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality or human rights impact of these appointments.

## **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1 A minor change is necessary to existing records and the committee is asked to approve the change outlined in 3.2.
- 8.2 It is recommended that the committee delegates power to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to maintain an accurate record of these statutory appointments.

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**Appendices:** Nil

**Background Papers:** Food Safety Act 1990  
Agriculture Act 1970

**Wards Affected:** All Wards.