

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate & Efficient Governance : 25 August 2010

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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 the approval of the Committee for the statutory appointments of Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst and Food Examiner for West Dunbartonshire Council.

### **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 have been recent changes in personnel that require the appointments previously approved by committees in June 2007 and previously to be updated.

3.2 The following changes are required:

3.2.1 Appoint Gary Walker and Jane White as Public Analysts, Agricultural Analysts and Food Examiners.

3.2.2 Appoint John Waddell, Karen Platt, Dawn Neeson and Alison Laird as Food Examiners.

### **4. People Implications**

4.1 There are no people issues attached to this report.

### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no additional financial implications. The cost of the service from Glasgow Scientific Services is met from existing budgets.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 Failure to formally appoint a Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst and Food Examiner can create legal difficulties when prosecutions are being considered.

## **7. Equalities Impact**

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

## **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Committee's approval will allow Council to undertake their statutory duties with the knowledge that administrative matters have been properly addressed.
- 8.2 The Committee is asked to approve the changes outlined in 3.2.1 and 3.3.2.

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**Appendices:** **None**

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

**Wards Affected:** **All Wards**