

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services)

Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee: 13 June 2007

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 1970 requires that local authorities appoint suitably qualified persons to undertake the analysis and examinations of food, fertilisers 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 require by West Dunbartonshire Council. There have been recent changes in personnel that require the appointments previously approved by committees in 1996 and 1997 require to be updated.

3.2 The following changes are required:

3.2.1 Delete Dr Charles McDonald Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst, Food Examiner and

Mr Gary Walker Deputy Agricultural Analyst

3.2.2 Appoint Mr Gary Walker Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst, Food Examiner and

Mrs Jane White Public Analyst, Deputy Agricultural Analyst, Food Examiner

3.3 The following appointments remain valid:

3.3.1 Head of Consumer Group

Mr Stuart Joyce Public Analyst, Deputy Agricultural Analyst

Food Examiner

Gary Walker	Head of Laboratory
Stuart Joyce	Head of Consumer Group
John Waddell	Senior Microbiologist
Jane White	Chemist (Food)
Karen Platt	Microbiologist
Alison Aitken	Microbiologist
Dawn Nelson	Microbiologist

Approved Signatories

James Lister	Senior Chemist (Food)
Timothy Platt	Senior Chemist (Quality)
Jane White	Chemist (Food)
Brian McDonald	Chemist (Food)

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues

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. Conclusion

7.1 The Committee's approval will allow Council to undertake their statutory duties with the knowledge that administrative matters have been properly addressed.

8. Recommendation

8.1 The Committee is asked to approve the changes outlined in 3.2 and 3.3

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Appendix: None

Background Papers: Food Safety Act 1990
Agriculture Act 1970

Wards Affected: All Wards