



## CABINET - 5TH FEBRUARY 2014

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AND AGRICULTURAL ANALYSTS**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval for amendments to the appointment of public and agricultural analysts.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Caerphilly County Borough Council has a statutory duty to enforce the Food Safety Act 1990, which requires the authority to appoint a Public Analyst to analyse food for foreign bodies and compositional and labelling purposes. There are similar provisions in the Agriculture Act 1970 relating to the need to appoint an Agricultural Analyst. This report seeks Cabinet approval for amendment to such appointments.

### 3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Food law enforcement is a statutory duty of the authority and contributes towards the Healthier Caerphilly priority within the Caerphilly Local Service Board single integrated plan, Caerphilly Delivers.

### 4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 It is a requirement of the Food Safety Act 1990 Section 27 that every food authority in England and Wales appoints one or more persons to act as Public Analysts for the purposes of analysing samples procured under that Act. The Agriculture Act 1970 also requires an agricultural analyst to be appointed for the analysis of animal feeding stuffs and fertilisers. The Public Analyst Service tests products for sale in the market place on instructions from the client. The current appointments are:

#### Public Analysts

- **Cardiff Scientific Services, Croft Street, Roath, Cardiff CF24 3DY**  
Alastair Low
- **Minton Treharne and Davies Limited, Unit 5 Llwyn yr Eos, Parc Menter, Cross Hands, Llanelli, SA14 6RA**  
Martin Brian Dalling  
John Anthony Robinson  
Susanne Brookes

- **Public Analyst Scientific Services, Valiant Way Wolverhampton WV9 5GB**  
 Alan Richards  
 Elizabeth Moran  
 Ronald Ennion  
 Kevin Wardle  
 Jeremy Wootten  
 Duncan Arthur  
 Stephen Guffogg  
 Peter Brown

### **Agriculture Analyst**

- Martin Brian Dalling of Minton Treharne and Davies Limited.

### **Deputy Agricultural Analysts**

- **Minton Treharne and Davies Limited**  
 Susanne Brookes
- **Public Analyst Scientific Services, Valiant Way Wolverhampton WV9 5GB**  
 Alan Richards  
 Elizabeth Moran  
 Ronald Ennion  
 Kevin Wardle  
 Jeremy Wootten  
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4.2 Martin Brian Dalling of Minton Treharne and Davies Ltd has now retired and his duties have been passed to John Anthony Robinson. John Anthony Robinson of Minton Treharne and Davies Ltd now needs to be appointed as Agricultural Analyst for Caerphilly county borough council in order to maintain the continuity of analytical service to the council and Martin Brian Dalling's name shall be deleted from the list of analysts.

4.3 In view of the above changes, the recommended additional appointment is:  
 John Anthony Robinson appointed to the position of Agricultural Analyst for Caerphilly county borough council.

## **5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no potential equalities implications of this report and its recommendations on groups or individuals who fall under the categories identified in Section 6 of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan. There is no requirement for an Equalities Impact Assessment Questionnaire to be completed for this report.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None

## **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The report has been sent to Consultees listed below, and there are no consultation responses, which have not been reflected in the recommendations.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 That Martin Brian Dalling be removed from the list of analysts and John Anthony Robinson be appointed to the position of Agricultural Analyst for Caerphilly county borough council.

## **10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 10.1 In order to comply with statutory requirements and to ensure proper and effective enforcement of the legislation. To ensure compliance with the statutory duty to enforce the Food Safety Act 1990 and Agriculture Act 1970.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

- 11.1 Local Government Act 1972, Food Safety Act 1990 and Agriculture Act 1970. The discharge of duties under the above legislation is a Cabinet function.

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Sandra Aspinall, Acting Deputy Chief Executive  
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