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**Democratic Services Section
Chief Executive's Department
Belfast City Council
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7 June 2016

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 7th June, 2016.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

8. Operational Issues

- (b) Appointment of Public Analysts (Pages 1 - 4)

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Subject:	Appointment of Public Analysts
Date:	<i>7th June 2016</i>
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Lead Operations Officer Damian Connolly, Environmental Health Manager (Food Safety and Port Health)

Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991 requires that the Council appoint one or more persons (Public Analyst(s)) to act as Analyst(s) within the district of the Council.
1.2	Furthermore the Framework Agreement* (Chapter 2, para 12.8), states that a Council shall ensure that a Food Analyst is appointed to carry out examinations and analyses of food samples. In making these appointments, all relevant legal requirements and Codes of Practice shall be satisfied. * The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities (Amendment 5 April 2010)
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of the following suitably qualified persons as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27(1) of the Food Safety Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1991: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Ronald Anthony Ennion BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC, MIFST ▪ Mr Alan Thomas Richards BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC ▪ Ms Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC ▪ Mr Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Mr Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Ms Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Mr Jeremy Paul Wootten MA, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
3.0	Main report
3.1	The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at their meeting on 22 nd March, 2016, approved a multi council tendering process for the provision of public analyst services and delegated authority to the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender.
3.2	The tendering process was undertaken by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council on behalf of the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group.
3.3	The Chief Environmental Health Officers Group have reported that the contract to provide Public Analyst Services for the 11 District Councils has been awarded to Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited.
3.4	<p>The qualifications required by Analysts are set out in the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2013. The Environmental Health Service is satisfied that the following persons, who are employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services, fulfil the requirements of the Regulations for appointment as Public Analysts on behalf of the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Ronald Anthony Ennion BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC, MIFST ▪ Mr Alan Thomas Richards BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC ▪ Ms Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC ▪ Mr Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Mr Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Ms Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Mr Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC ▪ Mr Jeremy Paul Wootten MA, MChemA, CChem, MRSC <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>No additional financial resources are envisaged as the cost of public analyst services is allowed for within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	None

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached None
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