



Subject:	Association of Port Health Officers: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date:	7 June 2016
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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	The Association of Port Health Authorities (APHA's), of which the Council is a corporate member, is the only UK wide organisation representing the interests of Local Authorities and Port Health Authorities with responsibilities for health controls at sea and airports. Port health authorities were constituted with the primary objective of preventing the introduction into the country of dangerous epidemics, contagious and infectious diseases and ensuring the wholesomeness of imported food.
1.2	Cllr Dudgeon, on Council's recommendation, currently is a member of the Executive Board which directs APHA's work.
1.3	The Principal Environmental Health Officer (Port Health) is represented on its Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This post will be subject to re-election later this year and committee approval is being sought for the Officer to stand for re-election until September 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grant approval for the Principal Environmental Health Officer (Port Health) to stand

	for re-election and if successful, serve until September 2018 on the Association of Port Health Authorities' Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3.0	Main report
3.1	The Council relies upon the Association of Port Health Authorities to provide a support mechanism for its Port Health Officers, through working with those from other port health authorities to develop help and guidance and share knowledge and good practice.
3.2	The Association of Port Health Authorities has in place an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which is comprised of Elected Members and officers. That Committee is responsible for, amongst other things, ensuring that the interests of member authorities are being met, monitoring the Association's finances and co-ordinating the development of the Technical Committees and the Port Liaison Network.
3.3	The Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer (Port Health) has been serving on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee however the position is due for re-election later this year.
3.4	Approval is being sought for the Principal Environmental Health Officer (Port Health) to stand for re-election and if successful serve until September 2018, on the Association of Port Health Authorities' Overview and Scrutiny Committee. That officer would be required to attend up to four meetings per year in London, the cost of which would be in the region of £120 per meeting.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	Attendance at up to 4 meetings per year costing approximately £120 each.
	<u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u>
3.6	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	None