

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.10

meeting date: THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY 2011  
title: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST AND FOOD EXAMINER  
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider and confirm the appointment of Dr Andrew Smith as the Council's Public Analyst, Food Examiner and Agricultural Analyst.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions – To help make peoples' lives safer and healthier. To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.
- Community Objectives – To promote and support health, environmental, economic and social wellbeing of people who live, work and visit the Ribble Valley.
- Corporate Priorities – To be a well-managed Council, providing efficient services based on identified customer needs.
- Other Considerations – To formally agree the necessary appointment of an officer to undertake essential services on behalf of the borough.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 As a district council, Ribble Valley Borough Council is required to appoint and authorise a Public Analyst, Food Examiner and Agricultural Analyst to act on behalf of our authority.

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 I have received a letter from Lancashire County Laboratory advising of a change of personnel at the Public Analysts Laboratory in Preston. The letter advises of the recent appointment of Dr Andrew Smith, BSc, PHD, MMA, CSci, CChem and MRSC as the new Public Analyst, Food Examiner and Agricultural Analyst and asks for his ratification to act on behalf of the Council for relevant related matters.

3.2 In order for the Public Analyst to act on our behalf, it is necessary that he is formally accepted for that position and hence this report being brought to this Committee for consideration and ratification.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – None.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Ensures that the appropriate officer is duly appointed to act on behalf of this Council.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – Ensures that the necessary proper formal authorisation arrangements are in place to deal with relevant matters.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Approve the authorisation of Dr Andrew Smith as Public Analyst, Food Examiner and Agriculture Analyst and to act on behalf of Ribble Valley Borough Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for James Russell, extension 4466.