

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 7

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title: AUTHORISATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROPER OFFICER
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider and confirm revised arrangements in relation to the authorisation of 'proper officer' appointments with the local health organisations.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Council Ambitions – to help make peoples lives safer and healthier and 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 agree essential support/service partnerships with fellow health providers.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 As a district Council, Ribble Valley Borough Council is required to authorise medical officers to give advice and act on its behalf under the following legislation:

- Public Health Act 1936
- Public Health Act 1961
- Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (as amended)
- The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010

2.2 Due to recent changes the current authorised proper officers require updating.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Recently, there have been significant changes in the structure of the organisations and their personnel, who would provide this service on this Council's behalf. These services are now provided through the officers of Public Health England, Cumbria and Lancashire Health Protection Team based at Preston County Hall on behalf of Public Health England (PHE).

3.2 Following the departure of Dr Kenneth Lamden, the Council must confirm revised officer authorisations to ensure an appropriate response to infectious disease

