

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PUBLIC ANALYST</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	<b>Healthy, Active and Engaged Communities</b>
Outcome	Appointment of Qualified Food Analyst
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the outcome of a tendering exercise for Public Analyst services and to appoint appropriately qualified persons as Public Analysts for Council.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Following a tendering exercise conducted by Belfast City Council on behalf of all 11 Northern Ireland Councils the contract to provide Public Analyst Services for the 11 Councils has been awarded to Eurofins Food Testing Ireland Limited.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Furthermore the Framework Agreement\* (Chapter 2, para 12.8), states that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough 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.

## **3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 The qualifications required by Analysts are set out in the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2013. The Environmental Health Department is satisfied that the following persons, who are employed by Eurofins Food Testing Ireland Limited, fulfil the requirements of the Regulations for appointment as Public Analysts on behalf of the Council.

**Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC**  
**Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC**  
**Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC**  
**Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC**  
**Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC**  
**Donna Hanks BSc, MChemA, MRSC**

## **4.0 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council that the above persons are appointed as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.

\*The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities (Amendment 5 April 2010)