



**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 28
JUNE 2022**

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST, AGRICULTURAL
ANALYST**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND
FINANCE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the resignation of the appointed Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst and to formally appoint the successors.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III, (E)(16) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the functions of the council as the Environmental Health Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Committee appoints Karen Maddison B.Sc. (Hons), M.Chem.A., C.Chem., M.R.S.C to act as Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst for Moray Council.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The currently appointed Public Analyst, Agricultural Analyst, Duncan Campbell, retired on 30 June 2022.
- 3.2 The Council is required to appoint a Public Analyst pursuant to Section 27 of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Agricultural Analyst pursuant to Section 67 of the Agriculture Act 1970 and Regulation 29 of The Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2005.
- 3.3 The public analysts are employed in four laboratories located at Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- 3.4 Samples have to be submitted within 24 hours of being taken which makes the transportation to the lab critical. This, taken with the cost of transportation, makes the Aberdeen provision the most cost effective option.

- 3.5 The Food Safety Act 1990 stipulates the qualifications to be held by a Public Analyst. Dr Karen Maddison holds the relevant qualifications.
- 3.6 The Feed (Sampling and Analysis and Specified Undesirable Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 stipulate the qualifications required for an Agricultural Analyst. Dr Karen Maddison holds the relevant qualifications

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

Appointment of this position will assist meet the priority of ensuring caring and healthy communities

(b) Policy and Legal

Appointment of Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst is required under Food Safety Act 1990 and Agriculture Act 1970.

(c) Financial implications

This official is employed by Aberdeen Scientific Services Laboratory. There will be no increase in costs associated with these appointments

(d) Risk Implications

Non appointment of these officials will result in Moray Council not meeting its statutory obligations.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications in relation to these appointments.

(f) Property

None.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

None.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

No climate change or biodiversity implications have been determined for this policy/activity because this is an official appointment only.

(i) Consultations

Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance), the Head of Economic Growth and Development, the Legal Services Manager, the Equal Opportunities Officer, and L Rowan, Committee Services Officer have been consulted and comments received have been incorporated into the report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The currently appointed Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst retired 30 June 2022.

5.2 Moray Council is required to appoint a Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst

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Background Papers:
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