

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

APPOINTMENT OF A PROPER OFFICER FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS (REP1863)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Council is required to appoint a Proper Officer for various functions concerning communicable disease control and associated matters under the provisions of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.
2. This report seeks Council approval for the appointment of a Proper Officer for the purposes of those functions following a reorganisation within the Health Protection Teams at Public Health England.

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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | Open |
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| Wards Affected: | All |
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| Cabinet Member: | Councillor Mary Rudd Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety |
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks Council approval for the appointment of a Proper Officer for various functions concerning communicable disease control and associated matters under the provisions of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Public Health England (PHE) has undergone a reorganisation and three former Health Protection Teams (in South Midlands & Hertfordshire, Anglia and Essex) are combining to form the East of England Health Protection Team based in Thetford and Harlow.
- 2.2 It is therefore necessary to update the Council's formal appointment to this position to ensure that it covers any person for the time being employed as a Consultant in communicable Disease Control or Consultant in Health Protection working for the East of England Health Protection Team as Proper Officer for the following purposes:

| Legislation | Section or Regulations | Effect |
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| The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 | Regulations 2,3,6 | Receipt and disclosure of notification of suspected notifiable disease, infection or contamination in patients and dead persons |
| Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 | Section 48 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008 | Preparation of certificate to Justice of Peace for removal of a body to a mortuary or for burial within a prescribed time or immediately |

3 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

- 3.1 This supports the objective within community health to enable people to take responsibility for their own mental and physical health and wellbeing, helping them to live active and healthy lives, while remaining safe within their homes and communities.

4 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications from this proposal as the services of the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control are provided free of charge to local authorities.

5 OTHER KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no equality, sustainability or partnership impacts from this proposal.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 No consultation is required.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 No other options were considered.

8 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

8.1 The Council is required to appoint a Proper Officer to carry out certain communicable disease control and associated functions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the Council appoint any person employed for the time being as a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control or Consultant in Health Protection at the East of England Health Protection Team as Proper Officer for the Council for the purposes of:
 - (a) Regulations 2,3 and 6 The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 and
 - (b) Section 48 Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 as amended.
- 2 Delegate authority to the Head of Environmental Services & Port Health, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and relevant Cabinet member, to make any necessary changes to the appointment of the Proper Officer should that be necessary in the future.