

PUBLIC ANALYST CONTRACT	5th June 2018
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Appointment of Public Analyst for Council
Lead Officer	Food, Health & Safety and Consumer Protection Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	Not Applicable

Background

Following a tendering exercise to provide Public Analyst Services for the 11 Councils in 2016 the contract was awarded to Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited. Said contract was for a period of 24 months with the option to extend the contract by two periods of 12 months at Council's discretion.

The 24 month contract for the Public Analyst Services is coming to an end and must be extended or a new tendering process for provision of these services commenced. The Environmental Health Department has been satisfied with the service provided by Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited since it was awarded the contract.

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.

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.

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 Public Analyst Scientific Services, fulfil the requirements of the Regulations for appointment as Public Analysts on behalf of the Council:

Ronald Anthony Ennion BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC, MIFST

Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC
Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, MRSC

Recommendation

It is recommended that that the contract for public analyst services to Council by Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited is extended by a further 12 months and 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)