DECISION

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 7

meeting date:1 SEPTEMBER 2016title:AUTHORISATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROPER OFFICERsubmitted by:CHIEF EXECUTIVEprincipal author:HEATHER COAR – HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

problems and outbreaks. The following proposal is based on the understanding that the nominated consultants would be the main contacts but that other consultants would be available under out of hours 'on call' arrangement and to cover absence.

3.3 The requested authorisations are as follows:

For Section 84 & 85, Public Health Act 1936 and Section 37, Public Health Act 1961, sections 48, 61 & 62 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984, and the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010:

Proper Officer Dr Mark McGivern – Health Protection Team.

Alternative Proper Officers Dr John Astbury, Grainne Nixon, and Nicola Schinaia.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
 - Resources No implications identified.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal Ensures appropriate medical officers are properly authorised to act on behalf of this Council.
 - Political No implications identified.
 - Reputation Ensures that proper formal arrangements are in place to deal with foreseeable situations relating to infectious disease.
 - Equality and Diversity No implications identified.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Approve the authorisation of the said officers for the duties listed to act on behalf of Ribble Valley Borough Council.

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