

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Simon Allen, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after the 27 th September, 2014	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 2684
TITLE:	Nomination of a Deputy Medical Referee	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM CONTAINING AN EXEMPT APPENDIX		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Curriculum Vitae of the suggested nominee. This document is exempt because it contains information relating to an individual. (Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.)</p>		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Medical Referee requested that another Deputy Medical Referee be appointed to replace other Deputy Medical referees who have retired. The Council nominates, and appointment is by the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet member is asked to agree that Doctor Diluki Kevitiyagala be nominated for appointment as a Deputy Medical Referee.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

3.1 None.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 Regulation 6 of the Cremation (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 requires the Secretary of State to appoint, for each cremation authority, a Medical Referee, and as many Deputy Medical Referees as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Medical Referee or Deputies are involved in the procedure whereby cremation may be authorised.

5.2 A new Deputy was appointed earlier this year. However, by the time the Council nominated her for appointment, two other Deputies had retired, as a result of which a further appointment is needed.

5.3 The Medical Referee had explained that he and the Deputies provided cover for one another, sometimes on a daily basis and, in order to facilitate effective and efficient working, close proximity of offices with administrative support was essential.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 Dr Kevitiyagala is considered the most suitable for appointment.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 (Chief Financial) Officer have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	<i>None.</i>
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