

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Simon Allen, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after the 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2013	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2595
TITLE:	Nomination of a Deputy Medical Referee	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM CONTAINING AN EXEMPT APPENDIX</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> 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.)		

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Medical Referee has 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 Hilary Jane Marcer be nominated for appointment as a Deputy Medical Referee.

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

3.1 None.

### **4 THE REPORT**

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

4.2 The suggested nominee is a member of the same department as the Medical Referee. The Medical Referee has explained that he and the Deputies provide 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 is essential.

### **5 RATIONALE**

5.1 Dr Marcer is considered the most suitable for appointment.

### **6 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6.1 None.

### **7 CONSULTATION**

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

### **8 RISK MANAGEMENT**

8.1 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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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>There are no background papers.</i>
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