

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**Subject:** Designation of the statutory role of Director of Public Health  
**Committee:** City Council  
**Date:** 17 May 2013  
**Cabinet Member:**  
**CMT Member:** Carole Burgoyne (Director for People)  
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**Ref:**  
**Key Decision:** No  
**Part:** I

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### **Purpose of the report:**

To enter into an agreement with Torbay Council under which their Director of Public Health will be available to the City Council to act as its Director of Public Health.

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### **Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015:**

This is a statutory requirement.

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### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:**

The terms of the designation and sharing of the Director of Public Health are met from within existing budgets. The detailed terms of the sharing arrangements will be delegated to the Director for People in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care.

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### **Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:**

The designation of a Director of Public Health is a statutory requirement and a function of the City Council.

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### **Equality and Diversity:**

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

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### **Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:**

It is recommended:

- (1) That the Council enter into an agreement under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 with Torbay Council to designate the Director of Public Health for Torbay Council as the joint Director of Public Health for Torbay and Plymouth City Councils;
- (2) The detailed terms of the sharing arrangements with Torbay Council be delegated to the Director for People in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care.

Reason: Pending the outcome of a review of the functions and operations of the Office of the Director of Public Health, we are seeking interim arrangements in partnership with Torbay Council to meet our statutory duties.

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**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

At present, an acting-up arrangement for the role is in place. We have considered the recruitment of a permanent Director of Public Health for Plymouth and this has been rejected pending the outcome of a review of the functions and operations of the Office of the Director of Public Health.

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**Published work / information:**

**Background papers:**

None

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**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member: Mark Grimley													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													

**1.0 Background information**

- 1.1 Since the transfer of the functions of Public Health to the local authority from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, an acting arrangement for the Director of Public Health has been in place. Pending the outcome of a review of the roles and functions of Directors of Public Health across the Devon NHS area, we are seeking interim arrangements with Torbay Council to share their existing Director of Public Health.
- 1.2 The Council may share officers with other local authorities under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1.3 The terms and working arrangements for this interim period will be determined by the Director for People, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care.
- 1.4 Torbay Council will also need to agree to these arrangements and a decision relating to these arrangements has been published for consideration by their Council.