

Meeting: Council

Date: 3 December 2020

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title: Statutory Officer Appointments – Director of Public Health

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Following the decision of the Employment Committee on 6th November 2020 to appoint Lincoln Sargeant as Torbay's Director of Public Health, this report requests the Council to confirm the statutory element of the appointment and provides introductory information on Dr Sargeant.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The reason for the decision is to confirm the statutory element of the appointment of the new Director of Public Health which is a legal requirement to be made by the Council.
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3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- (i) That Lincoln Sargeant be appointed as the Statutory Officer for the Director of Public Health with effect from 1 February 2021.

Supporting Information

1. Introduction and background

1.1 Dr Lincoln Sargeant

Dr Lincoln Sargeant has been Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire since November 2012. Lincoln has been instrumental, with colleagues, in establishing and leading the Public Health services and functions in England's largest county by geography since the transfer of responsibilities from the NHS to Local Government in April 2013. As well as developing and improving North Yorkshire's healthy child, sexual health and substance misuse services, he has also played an important role in creating, funding and supporting programmes such as Stronger Communities, Living Well (social prescribing) Discoveries on your Doorstep (physical activity), falls prevention and adult weight management. More recently, he has worked hard in providing Public Health leadership and expertise to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He was previously a Consultant in Public Health Medicine with NHS Cambridgeshire and his portfolio included health protection, social inclusion, mental health, and Epidemiology with the University of Cambridge and a Recognised Clinical Teacher at the medical school there. Lincoln is a medical graduate of University of West Indies and holds postgraduate degrees from University of Cambridge in Epidemiology and Public Health.