

# North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report Date: 10 November 2022

Title: Review of  
Membership of the Board

**Report from :** Law & Governance, North Tyneside Council

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## 1. Purpose:

This report invites the Board to review its membership to ensure that the range of organisations represented at meetings are appropriate in terms of delivering the ambitions set out in the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

## 2. Recommendation(s):

The Board is recommended to:

- a) appoint the following additional persons as members of the Board:
  - i. the Council's Assistant Chief Executive,
  - ii. the Council's Director of Regeneration and Economic Development,
  - iii. the Council's Director of Housing and Property Services,
  - iv. the Council's Assistant Director of Education, Employment and Skills,
  - v. a representative from the Poverty Intervention Partnership Board; and
  - vi. a representative from the North Tyneside Business Forum; and
- b) remove the appointment of a representative from the North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board from membership of the Board.

## 3. Policy Framework

This item relates to the operation of the Board and so there are no direct links with delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25.

## 4. Information:

- 4.1 In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board must comprise of:-
  - a) the Elected Mayor and/or at least one councillor as nominated by the Elected Mayor;
  - b) the Director of Adult Social Services;
  - c) the Director of Children's Services;
  - d) the Director of Public Health;
  - e) a representative of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board;
  - f) a representative of Healthwatch North Tyneside;

- g) for the purpose of participating in the preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy, a representative of NHS England; and
- h) such additional persons as the Board or the Council think appropriate.

4.2 Since its establishment the Board, using the power to appoint additional persons, has agreed to appoint representatives from the following organisations:-

- a) an additional representative from the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board;
- b) an additional representative from the Healthwatch North Tyneside
- c) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- d) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- e) Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust
- f) The four Primary Care Networks in North Tyneside
- g) Community and Voluntary Sector Chief Officer Group
- h) Age UK North Tyneside
- i) YMCA North Tyneside
- j) North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board
- k) North of Tyne Pharmaceutical Committee
- l) TyneHealth
- m) North East Ambulance Service
- n) Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- o) Northumbria Police

4.3 At its previous meeting the Board agreed that the Chair, Deputy Chair and other leading members of the Board review its membership to ensure that the range of organisations represented at meetings are appropriate in terms of delivering the ambitions set out in the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) and any recommendations for changes to the membership be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

4.4 The Chair and Deputy Chair have reviewed the membership with the Director of Public Health, the Director of Healthwatch and the ICBs Director of Place. They acknowledged that there needed to be broader representation on the Board to reflect the ambitions contained in the Strategy relating to the wider determinants such as education, employment and housing.

4.5 Following this review it is suggested that the following additional persons be appointed to the Board:

- a) The Council's Assistant Chief Executive, currently Jackie Laughton, in recognition of the key role this post holder has in preparing and delivering the JLHWS and its implementation plan;
- b) The Council's Director of Regeneration and Economic Development, currently John Sparkes, as many of the outcomes related to reducing health inequalities will be delivered indirectly by plans such as North Tyneside's Inclusive Economy Strategy and its Employment and Skills Strategy;
- c) The Council's Director of Housing and Property Services, currently Peter Mennell, in recognition that housing is one of the key wider determinants of an individuals' health;
- d) The Council's Assistant Director of Education, Employment and Skills, currently Lisa Cook, as the JLHWS recognises that educational attainment is a key determinant of health particularly in the early years and it seeks to make North Tyneside an even greater place for children and young people to thrive, where all can access a high-class education with a culture of inclusion and achievement;

- e) a representative from the Poverty Intervention Partnership Board to reflect the importance of tackling poverty as the greatest preventable threat to health and being fundamental to addressing health inequalities; and
- f) a representative from the North Tyneside Business Forum. The Forum is a supportive network helping to support local business and providing a link to a wider network of business groups and associations. The Forum could assist the Board in delivering the ambitions contained in the JLHWS by for example identifying barriers to growth, encouraging local businesses to take social responsibility for our people, our place and our economy and to promote good health within the workplace.

4.6 For some time the North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board has not been represented on the Board. Since this appointment there have been significant changes in the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for adults and for children and young people. In view of these factors it is suggested that this position be removed from the membership.

4.7 If these proposed changes are agreed they will increase the number of members on the Board from 29 to 34 members.

## **5. Decision options:**

The Board may decide to either:-

- a) approve the recommendations set out in Section 2 of the report; or
- b) consider and agree alternative changes to the membership of the Board.

## **6. Reasons for recommended option:**

The Board is recommended to agree option a) to secure appropriate representation on the Board to deliver the ambitions set out in the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy

## **7. Appendices:**

None.

## **8. Contact officers:**

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## **9. Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Health and Social Care Act 2012
- (2) The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013
- (3) Report to the Board June 2013 and associated minute.
- (4) Equally Well: A healthier, fairer future for North Tyneside. North Tyneside's Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25

## COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

### 9 Finance and other resources

The costs associated with the operation of the Board will be contained within existing budgets.

### 10 Legal

Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that a local authority must appoint specified persons to a Health and Wellbeing Board and that the Board may appoint such other persons as it thinks is appropriate.

### 11 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with the Director of Public Health, the North East and North Cumbria ICB and the Chair of the Board, Councillor Karen Clark.

### 12 Human rights

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

### 13 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

### 14 Risk management

A risk assessment has not been undertaken in connection to this matter.

### 15 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

### 16 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

## SIGN OFF

Chair/Deputy Chair of the Board

Interim Director of Children's Services

Interim Director of Adult Services

Director of Healthwatch North Tyneside

Director of Public Health

ICB Director of Place

Assistant Chief Executive