

Reports

COUNCIL

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**APPOINTMENTS – SUNDERLAND LIVE LIMITED (AND SUBSIDIARY),
PRIMARY CARE CO-COMMISSIONING SUB- COMMITTEE OF THE
GOVERNING BODY AND THE LEISURE JOINT VENTURE BOARD**

Report of the Head of Law and Governance

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to the Board of Sunderland Live Limited and the appointment of a board of directors to the company's new subsidiary, UK Events Live Limited, Primary Care Co-commissioning Sub- Committee of the Governing Body and the Leisure Joint Venture Board.

2.0 Sunderland Live

2.1 Sunderland Live Limited was established as a wholly-owned company in 2013 in order to provide event management services for the Council and potentially third parties. The company became operational on 1st April 2013.

2.2 The board of directors of the company currently comprises Councillors P. Walker, P. Gibson and L. Scanlan who act as non-executive directors. It is recognised that there is a need to further develop and expand the membership, composition and skills of the board of directors in conjunction with, and to oversee, the development and growth of the activities of the company. It is therefore proposed that the Executive Director of Enterprise Development be appointed by the Council as an additional non-executive director of the company in this regard.

2.3 In addition, as part of the potential development of the company's activities and branding, the directors of Sunderland Live Limited previously agreed to the registration at Companies House of a wholly-owned subsidiary company called UK Events Live Limited. In order to allow the development of a business plan for the potential operations of this subsidiary company and the new brand, a board of directors needs to be appointed. It is proposed that this board of directors should be the same as for the parent company, Sunderland Live. Once developed, the business plan for the subsidiary will then be submitted to Cabinet for approval and before the subsidiary company starts to formally trade.

3.0 Primary Care Co-commissioning

- 3.1 Members will be aware that Sunderland CCG has applied to NHS England to undertake delegated co-commissioning responsibilities for primary care (general practice).
- 3.2 As part of the governance arrangements to oversee this added responsibility it is required to set up a new primary care commissioning sub-committee of the Governing Body. National guidance suggests that such a committee must include, in an observatory/non-voting capacity), a non-elected member representative of the local authority.
- 3.3 The Council is therefore requested to formally nominate the Executive Director of People Services to fulfil this role.

4.0 Joint Venture to operate the Council's leisure facilities across the City

- 4.1 The Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 February 2015 considered a report on the outcome of the procurement process for the appointment of a partner to establish a corporate joint venture with the Council for the management and operation of the City's leisure facilities, the appointment of the Preferred Bidder as joint venture partner and on the next steps in order to progress to the establishment of the joint venture company (JV). The Cabinet recommended to Council that the Executive Director of People Services, the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Wellness and Culture and Executive Director of Enterprise Development be appointed to the Board of the JV.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Council is accordingly recommended to:-
- (i) to appoint the Executive Director of Enterprise Development as a director of Sunderland Live Limited; and
 - (ii) (subject to (i)) to appoint the board of directors of Sunderland Live Limited as directors of UK Events Live Limited.
 - (iii) appoint the Executive Director of People Services as the Council's representative on the new primary care commissioning sub-committee of the Governing Body of Sunderland CCG,
 - (iv) appoint the Executive Director of People Services, the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Wellness and Culture and the Executive Director of Enterprise Development to the Board of the Leisure JV.