SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

24 May 2013

BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION - 'SYSTEM LEADER OR TALKING SHOP'

Report of the Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Board of the date and scope of the next development session.

2. System Leaders or Talking Shops

In 2012 the Kings Fund produced a report into the functioning of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs) issuing the challenge as to whether they are system leaders or talking shops. The report suggest that the biggest challenge facing HWBBs is whether they can deliver strong, credible and shared leadership across local organisational boundaries. Unprecedented financial pressures, rising demand, and complex organisational change will severely test political leadership. The report can be found here:

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field_publication_file/health-and-wellbeing-boards-the-kings-fund-april-12.pdf

This development session will look at the role and purpose of the Sunderland HWBB and aim to provide a collective understanding of the purpose and value added of our Board, determining collective success measures and clear leadership and accountability based on the delivery of the Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

To facilitate this, Judith Hurcombe, an LGA Associate with a speciality in Health and Wellbeing Board development, will host the session.

The development session is to be held on 7th June, 12-2, Sunderland Software Centre, Conference Room.

The Aims and Objectives of the session are as follows.

- to explore and agree a collective understanding of what success means for the Board
- to agree the roles and responsibilities of Board members
- to outline what the Board will achieve over the next 12 months and 3 years
- to explore how the Board will secure these achievements

3 Recommendations

The Board is recommended to note the session.