

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

13 December 2019

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Report of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek the Board's approval to expand the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 directs statutory membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Section 194(8) and 194(9) of the Act allow for additional membership as follows:

(8) The Health and Wellbeing Board may appoint such additional persons to be members of the Board as it thinks appropriate.

(9) At any time after a Health and Wellbeing Board is established, a local authority must, before appointing another person to be a member of the Board under section (2)(g), consult the Health and Wellbeing Board.

- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board is also a committee of the council, and as such is governed by the council constitution. This means that appointing additional members to the Board must be agreed by the Council.

3.0 Additional membership

- 3.1 At a meeting of the Sunderland Partnership on 17 June 2019, it was suggested that a representative of University of Sunderland be invited to join the Health and Wellbeing Board; Prof. Michael Young attended his first meeting in September 2019. More recently it has been suggested the Chair of the Sunderland Healthy Workplace Alliance is invited to become a member of the Board. The current Chair is Ralph Saelzer, Managing Director of Liebherr Works (Sunderland) Ltd. Both of these agencies can considerably add value to the work of the Board.
- 3.2 The membership of the Board is scheduled for review March 2020 to coincide with the development of the Healthy City Plan. This presents an opportunity to consider whether the Board would like other partners to become members of the Board.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

- a) Formally agree the University of Sunderland as a member of the Board
- b) Agree to invite the Chair of the Sunderland Healthy Workplace Alliance to become a member of the Board
- c) Agree to notify the Council of the appointments at its meeting in May 2020.