

**APPOINTMENTS TO TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN SUNDERLAND LIMITED****SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE****1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this supplementary report is to provide additional information to Council regarding the background of the two recommended candidates for the current vacancies on the Together for Children Sunderland Limited ("TfC") board.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

- 2.1 As set out in the main agenda report, following a competitive recruitment and interview process involving senior representatives from TfC, the Council and the Department for Education ("DfE"), it is recommended that Tammy Banks is appointed as the new Chair of the TfC Board on the terms as set out in the main report.
- 2.2 Tammy currently runs a safeguarding training agency and has an extensive background in children's services and safeguarding, having worked in frontline services early in her career. In addition, Tammy has been a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Standards for six years. As a safeguarding consultant in the Third Sector, she also delivers governance training to independent boards.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (NED)**

- 3.1 As part of the same process, expressions of interest were also sought for the existing NED vacancy on the Board. Following a competitive interview process involving the same interview panel as above, it is recommended that Steve Williams is appointed as a NED on the terms as set out in the main report.
- 3.2 Steve is an executive leader across both the public and private sectors, and has worked in local government and higher education with specialisms in digital transformation, cyber security and corporate governance and risk. Steve has an interest in special educational needs and has demonstrated this through his role as a school governor and other voluntary activity. In addition, he has also been a NED in a regional social housing association since 2019.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

Council is requested to approve the appointments as set out in the main report.