

Health and Wellbeing Board

27 November 2019

Membership of County Durham Health and Wellbeing Board



Ordinary Decision

Report of Helen Lynch, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Durham County Council

Electoral division affected:

None

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek the views of members of the Board on inviting an additional representative to become a voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Executive Summary

- 2 There are clear links between the quality of housing and the influence this has on a person's health and wellbeing.
- 3 To ensure opportunities to work collaboratively for the good of our communities is maximised, it is recommended that representation from the housing sector on the Health and Wellbeing Board would assist in improving people's wellbeing, reducing health inequalities and achieving better outcomes.

Recommendations

- 4 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to agree that a housing sector representative is invited to become an additional voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Background

- 5 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 required all upper tier local authorities to establish Health and Wellbeing Boards. The County Durham Health and Wellbeing Board was formally established as a committee of Durham County Council in April 2013.
- 6 A new vision has been agreed for County Durham for 2035, which includes a number of objectives relating to housing. In addition, there is a link between where a person lives and their health and health outcomes. The HWB must encourage people who arrange for the provision of services related to the wider determinants of health such as housing, and this work has already started in Durham.

Health and Wellbeing Board membership

- 7 Article 16 of the Constitution of the Council outlines the rules for governing the Health and Wellbeing Board and includes its composition, role and function.
- 8 As required in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the composition of the Health and Wellbeing Board is as follows:
 - Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Council (being currently):
 - a) Portfolio Holder for Adult and Health Services
 - b) Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services
 - c) Portfolio Holder for Transformation;
 - Representation from Clinical Commissioning Groups;
 - A representative from Local Healthwatch;
 - Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services
 - Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services
 - Director of Public Health
- 9 In addition, it has also been agreed that the following attend as non-statutory, voting members of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - Chief Executive, Office of the Durham Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner
 - Director of Integrated Community Services, North Durham and Durham Dales, Easington & Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Groups; Durham County Council, and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
 - Operational Director, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
 - Programme Manager, City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
 - Director of Operations, Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust

- Interim Chief Executive, North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
- Chief Executive, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
- Assistant Chief Fire Officer, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

10 In accordance with legislation additional members may be appointed and the Health and Social Care Act states that “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 s194 (2)(g), consult the Health and Wellbeing Board”.

Housing

11 The value of collaborative working between housing and other partners to achieve positive outcomes is recognised, especially in relation to meeting the needs of older people and disabled people, and it is recommended that a representative from the housing sector is invited to become a voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board and members of the Board are asked to provide their views.

12 If agreed, the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services will be invited to become a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is anticipated that Lynn Hall, Strategic Manager for Housing, Durham County Council will be identified as their nominated housing sector representative to attend Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.

Conclusion

13 Extended membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board to include housing, will ensure that partner representation is aligned to the priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Board as outlined in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2020-25, and the vision for Durham 2035.

Background papers

- None

Other useful documents

- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Vision for Durham 2035
- DPH Annual Report

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – No direct implications

Staffing – No direct implications

Risk – No direct implications

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – No direct implications

Climate Change - No direct implications

Accommodation - No direct implications

Crime and Disorder - No direct implications

Human Rights – No direct implications

Consultation – As set out in the body of the report

Procurement - No direct implications

Disability Issues – No direct implications

Legal Implications – As set out in the body of the report