

TITLE OF REPORT: Remit and Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Purpose of Report

1. To seek members' views on a proposal to amend the remit of the Board to take into account the health and wellbeing of children which was previously the responsibility of the Children's Trust. In addition, it is also proposed to increase the Board's membership to reflect this amendment.

Background

2. The review of the GSP and rationalisation of its partnerships has determined that the role of the Children's Trust is no longer required. However, to ensure that the health and wellbeing of children are still addressed through the Council's governance arrangements it is proposed that the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board is amended accordingly.

Proposal

3. It is proposed that the remit of the Board should be amended as set out in Appendix 1.
4. In addition, in order to reflect this change in remit it is proposed that the membership of the Board should be enhanced by the addition of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board and Adult Safeguarding Board.
5. If the Health and Wellbeing Board is supportive of these proposals the Cabinet will be asked to recommend Council to make the appropriate amendments to its constitution.

Recommendation

6. The Board is asked to support the proposals set out in paragraphs 3 & 4 above.

The Health and Wellbeing Board will have the following roles and functions:-

- a) to lead on the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment;
- b) to lead on the production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- c) for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of **the residents children and adults** in Gateshead, encourage integration in the provision of health, education and social care in its area;
- d) provide such advice, assistance or other support as the Health and Wellbeing Board considers appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Children and Social Work Act 2017 in the provision of health and social care services;
- e) to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- f) to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health, education and social care services in its area and persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely together;
- g) provide an opinion to the Council on whether the Council is complying with its duty to have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- h) to exercise any other function that the Council requires the Health and Wellbeing Board to undertake on behalf of the Council; and
- i) **to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for children and adults, and improve the quality of education and care as well as to ensure value for money.**