



## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**25 January 2018**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF POST: DIRECTOR OF JOINT COMMISSIONING, PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY (CARE, WELLBEING AND LEARNING)**

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**Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the establishment of the post of Director of Joint Commissioning.
2. The post has the strategic capacity to jointly commission (with Newcastle Gateshead CCG) Children's, Adults' and Public Health services. Work has been ongoing with the Newcastle Gateshead CCG to identify opportunities for integrating services with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing outcomes for the population in Gateshead. Part of the ongoing discussions has been the proposal to establish a post of Director of Joint Commissioning.
3. It is therefore proposed to delete the current post of Service Director – Health and Social Care Commission and Quality Assurance and create a post of Director of Joint Commissioning, Performance and Quality. This post will have a broader remit and a particular focus on the integration agenda.
4. The joint working arrangements will be subject to a 12 month review to ensure the anticipated benefits for the Council have materialised.
5. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

6. It is recommended that Council;
  - (i) approve the deletion of the current post of Service Director and the creation of the post of Director of Joint Commissioning, Performance and Quality – Service Director Band 3.
  - (ii) approve that the joint working arrangements be subject to a 12 month review following implementation.