

**COUNCIL**

**19 JUNE 2019**

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to the Standards Committee, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors and the Parker Trust.

**2.0 Standards Committee**

- 2.1 The Council has been notified that Hetton Town Council has nominated Councillors Richard Elvin and Sheila Quigley to sit as the Town Council's representatives on the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

**3.0 Corporate Parenting Board**

- 3.1 At Annual Council representatives of the People Boards were appointed on to the Corporate Parenting Board and the change to the Chair of the Coalfield Area People Board had not been reflected.
- 3.2 It is therefore proposed that Councillor N. MacKnight be appointed to the Board in place of Councillor Johnston.

**4.0 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust - Council of Governors**

- 4.1 At the Annual Council meeting on 15 May 2019, Councillor Dr. G. Walker, the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, was appointed to the City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust as well as the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust and Councillor Chequer, the Deputy Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, was appointed to the South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust.
- 4.2 Subsequent to the meeting, the Council was notified that following the merger of the two Foundation Trusts to form the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, the Council is invited to nominate one representative to its Council of Governors and to bear in mind that the representative would only be able to serve on one NHS Foundation Trust.

- 4.3 In this regard, it is proposed that Councillor Dr. G. Walker be nominated to the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and that Councillor Chequer replace Councillor Dr. Walker as the nomination to the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust.

## **5.0 Parker Trust**

- 5.1. The Parker Trust CIO operates from premises in Kayll Road and provides advice and assistance and programmes of activity for young people. The constitution of the Trust provides for the appointment of 12 Trustees by the Council, each of whom is appointed to serve for a three year term. There are currently five serving trustees, four of whom are elected members. The CIO has been established with a view to all of the assets of the unincorporated Parker Memorial Home charity being transferred to the new incorporated body. Until the Parker Memorial Home is formally wound up, the same trustees will be appointed to both bodies.

- 5.2 The current trustees are as follows:-

Councillors Foster, P. Walker, A. Wilson (for a 3 year term until 16 May 2020)

Mrs E. Ball and Councillor D. Wilson (for a 3 year term until 16 May 2021)

7 Community Representatives vacancies

- 5.3 At the Council meeting in November 2018, it was agreed that in order to involve a wide range of people in the charity's operations, individuals from outside the Council be appointed to the vacant positions. This would also have the benefits of:

- enhancing the skills available to the organisation by enabling the targeted recruitment of independent persons with particular skill sets;
- enabling members of the community to become more involved in the strategic management of the organisation; and
- helping to demonstrate the independence of the Trust from the Council, which would be beneficial when applying for external funding opportunities.

- 5.4 The former Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair of the Parker Trust, was authorised to undertake a recruitment process in order to identify individuals to be recommended to Council for appointment as trustees of the charity.

5.5 Following a recruitment process, a number of applications to serve on the Trust were received. Interviews took place on 3 June 2019 and the following applicants are recommended for appointment to the Trust by the Council:-

Susan Rackstraw - Local resident keen to support and develop local charity – years of valuable experience as part of a local resident’s group

Kay Taylor - Local resident keen to support and develop local charity – small business owner, qualified trainer and event organiser.

Pat Dyball - Local resident keen to support and develop local charity – background in health and wellbeing

Andrea Solomon - Works for Together for Children and trained social worker – keen to support and develop the charity

Michael Braban - Works for Gentoo and keen to support and develop the charity as well as support communication with residents

Ian Galbraith - Local resident keen to support and develop local charity – years of valuable experience working with community groups and charitable organisations

Alison Smith - Local resident keen to support and develop local charity – been a guide leader for over 40 years with a wealth of experience to bring to the charity as well as a long career in HR and Safeguarding

5.6 In order to demonstrate operational independence from the Council, the number of trustees who are “associated persons” with the Council, should be less than 20% of the total membership. “Associated persons” include individuals who have been members of a local authority in the previous 4 years, which therefore includes the current trustee, Mrs E Ball, and the proposed new trustee, Ian Galbraith. It is therefore proposed that the Assistant Director of Community Resilience be authorised to conduct a further recruitment process, with a view to the proportion of independent trustees being increased in due course.

## **5.0 Recommendations**

The Council is accordingly recommended to: -

- (i) confirm the nominations of Councillors Richard Elvin and Sheila Quigley as the representatives of Hetton Town Council on the Standards Committee;
- (ii) approve the appointment of Councillor N. MacKnight to the Corporate Parenting Board in place of Councillor Johnston;
- (iii) approve the nomination of Councillor Dr. G. Walker to the Council of Governors for the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and Councillor Chequer to the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust; and

- (iv) approve the appointment of the following trustees to the Parker Trust CIO and to also serve as trustees of Parker Memorial Home:-

Susan Rackstraw

Kay Taylor

Pat Dyball

Andrea Soloman

Michael Braban

Ian Galbraith

Alison Smith

Further, that the Assistant Director of Community Resilience, in consultation with the Chair of the Parker Trust, be authorised to conduct a further recruitment process, in due course, to identify suitable candidates for recommendation to Council for appointment to the positions of trustee, in order to increase the proportion of independent trustees on each body.