

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title:</b>	Youth Service Mutual – Appointment Of Non-Executive Director	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	Yes	<b>Item No.:</b>
<b>Ward:</b>	All	
<b>Contributors:</b>	Executive Director (Children & Young People) Head of Targeted Services & Joint Commissioning (Children & Young People)	
<b>Class:</b>	Part 1	<b>Date:</b> 21 September 2016

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to agree how the Council will be represented on the Board of Youth First, following the implementation of the three-year contract on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Council is recommended to:
- Appoint one Council non-executive Director to the Board of Youth First

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Following a comprehensive review of various options for the future of the Youth Service and the development of a detailed plan for a youth and employee-led mutual, a final report was presented to Mayor & Cabinet in December 2015. As a result, the Mayor agreed that officers should run a 'mutuals only' tender process for the delivery of the Youth Service under Regulation 77 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
- 3.2. The contract was awarded to Youth First (the Council's youth and employee-led mutual) on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 and the new service commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 (with existing staff transferring to the mutual organisation).

## 4. Youth First Board – Roles And Responsibilities

- 4.1. The role of the Youth First Board is to set the strategic direction of the organisation and to ensure that it complies with all of its legal requirements, delegating to staff or others as necessary.
- 4.2. The Board is chaired by an Independent Chairperson (currently Sir Ian Mills) and consists of ten directors:
- *Four employee representatives* (including two representatives elected annually by all permanent employees)
  - *Two young people's representatives* (selected from the Young Mayor and Advisors, who are in turn elected annually by young people across the borough)

- *Four non-executive directors* (selected for the skills they can bring to the organisation)
- 4.3. It is anticipated that one of the four non-executive directors will be a Council representative appointed by Members, which will ensure an appropriate level of accountability. However, the primary (and legal) role of the Council non-executive director (as well as all other Board members) will be to represent the interests of Youth First and be actively engaged in its future development, including sustainability and fundraising.
- 4.4. All Board members (including the non-executive directors) will be expected to attend quarterly meetings and will not receive any financial remuneration. Unlike other members, the Council non-executive director will be appointed for the full three years of the contract.

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. Youth First has legally established itself as a charitable Community Benefit Society (CBS), which is governed by the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2015. This means that the organisation must be run primarily for the benefit of people who are not members of the society and must also be in the interests of the community at large.

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

## 7. Equalities Implications

- 7.1. There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

## 8. Crime & Disorder Implications

- 8.1. There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## 9. Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

## 10. Background Documents & Originator

- 10.1. The background documents referenced in this report are:

Title	Date	File Location	Contact Officer
The Future Of The Youth Service – A Mutual Plan	9 December 2015	Available at this <a href="#">link</a>	Mervyn Kaye

Youth Service Mutual – Award Of Contract	1 June 2016	Part 2 report	Rosalind Jeffrey
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- 10.2. If there are any queries about this report, please contact Warwick Tomsett (Head of Targeted Services & Joint Commissioning) on extension 48362 or at [warwick.tomsett@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:warwick.tomsett@lewisham.gov.uk).