

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Report to: Leader of the Council

Date: 04/02/2020

Subject: Family Support Service – Board Of Directors

Responsible Director: Jacqui McShannon, Director of Children’s Services.

Report of: Lesley Bell, Strategic Lead – Children’s Services

Summary

The report recommends an additional Director to the Board of Directors for Family Support to act as an independent chair.

Recommendations

- 1. To approve that Andrew Pickup, Independent Chair is appointed as a Director to the Family Support Board.**
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Wards Affected: All

Reason For Decisions

The Board of Directors for Family Support currently has two Directors, we recommend an additional Director who will act as an independent chair. The current Directors are Ian Hawthorn and Jade Monroe who are officers of the council and were appointed to the board via leader’s decision in August 2019.

Proposals And Analysis Of Options

LBHF Integrated Family Support Services Limited (10923413) was incorporated on 18 August 2017. The company is 100% owned by the Council.

In April 2018 Michael Hainge left his position in LBHF and Steve Miley became the sole Director. In January 2019 Steve Miley resigned from the position and Mark Grimley, Director of Corporate Services took on the role as the sole director. Mark Grimley left his position at LBHF and following this Ian Hawthorn, Assistant Director and Jade Monroe, Principal Solicitor were appointed as Directors.

Andrew Pickup will be the third Director assigned to the board of Family Support Services and act as the independent chair. Andrew has previously worked at director

level for several healthcare and government organisations including Clinovia, Carewatch and National Fostering as well working in a leadership role for the health and social care organisation Optalis, a Wokingham Borough Council LATC.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Implications by: Emily Hill, Assistant Director, Corporate Finance.

Legal Implications

The Council's Constitution gives the Leader the power to appoint representatives to outside bodies. Item 1.9 ('Scope of portfolio') states that "Appointing or nominating and where appropriate removing the Authority's representatives on appropriate outside bodies."

Implications by: Rhian Davies, Monitoring Officer.