

## Item 11 – Appendix A

### **The Independent Expert Panel**

The Mayor's Manifesto included a commitment to establish a panel of experts, drawn from across the region, 'dedicated to driving that agenda forward with the urgency it demands'. On taking office the Mayor invited Professor Alan Walker, Co-director of Sheffield University's Healthy Lifespan Institute (HELSI) to develop a proposal for the membership and terms of reference of the expert panel.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Mindful of the Mayor's emphasis on urgency and the existence of a rich evidence-base for action, including good practices in operation in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield, the primary task of the Independent Expert Panel is to produce an action plan to extend HLE and reduce inequalities in it. Therefore, the proposed terms of reference are:

- To take stock of the current relative position of South Yorkshire with regard to HLE and the extent of inequalities both within the region and in comparison with other UK regions.
- To identify the key priorities for action to extend HLE and reduce inequalities. In doing so the panel will draw on national and international evidence as well as existing good practices in the four authorities.
- To produce an action plan setting out the steps required to meet the goal of raising the health of the region to the highest possible level. The plan will:
  - Establish a timeline
  - Identify actions that could be taken immediately and can be actioned within current arrangements
  - Identify actions that require further discussion and collaboration with local partners
  - Identify actions that require further discussion and collaboration with Government

It is expected that the panel will be able to co-opt additional expertise and commission specific pieces of work as required. It is also expected that the panel will produce its report within 6 months.

The University of Sheffield have agreed to support the expert panel through the appointment of a Post-Doctoral Fellow to gather and review data, evidence and information to inform the work. SYMCA will provide administrative and communications support and cover time and travel requirements of members.

### **PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP**

The membership is intended to reflect expertise across the region while keeping the size of the group commensurate with the need for fast action. All of those contacted have agreed enthusiastically to join the group.

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