

# Midlothian Integration Joint Board



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 2.00pm**

## **Inclusion of Integration Joint Boards as Category 1 Responders under Civil Contingency Act 2004**

**Item number: 5.4**

**Agenda number**

### **Executive summary**

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with information of the inclusion of the IJB as a Category 1 Responder, in line with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and report on the requirements that this inclusion involves.

**Board members are asked to:**

Note the information in this paper and be assured that the established governance and management systems in place.

Agree to the recommendation that the Chief Officer, as the Accountable Officer, can continue to manage the necessary arrangements relating to this Act on behalf of the Integrated Joint Board.

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### 1 Purpose

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- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with information of the inclusion of the IJB as a Category 1 Responder in line with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, report on the requirements this inclusion involves and provide assurance to the Integrated Joint Board that the systems currently in place will ensure all requirements are met.

### 2 Recommendations

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- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are asked to:-
- 2.2 Note the inclusion of the IJB as a Category 1 Responder in line with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
- 2.3 Be assured that all arrangements in place meet the requirements within the Act and agree that the Chief Officer, as the Accountable Officer, can continue to manage the necessary arrangements relating to this Act on behalf of the Integrated Joint Board.

### 3 Background and main report

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- 3.1 **Scottish Government Consultation**  
The Scottish Government undertook consultation during October and November 2020 regarding including Integration Joint Boards as Category 1 Responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. The consultation concluded that there were no clear equality, operational or strategic barriers to progressing the proposal and legislating that Integration Joint Boards across Scotland be included within the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 as Category 1 Responders.
- 3.2 The amendment to this Act was laid before the Scottish Parliament on 18 January 2021 and approved.
- 3.3 This Act places new duties and responsibilities on Integration Joint Boards. It defines an emergency as:
- an event or incident which threatens serious damage to human welfare;
  - an event or incident which threatens serious damage to the environment;
  - war, or terrorism which threatens serious damage to the security of the UK

### 3.4 **Category 1 Responders**

The Act divides Responders into two categories, as Integration Joint Boards have now been included in level 1, below are details of the Category 1 responder partners:

- Local Authorities
- Police including British Transport Police
- Fire and Rescue Services
- The Scottish Ambulance Service
- National Health Boards
- The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Integration Joint Boards

### 3.5 **Responsibilities**

The requirements set out in the Act are detailed below:

- Assessing the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning in the form of a Community Risk Register
- Put in place effective emergency plans
- Create Business Continuity Plans to ensure that they can continue to exercise critical functions in the event of an emergency.
- Make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency
- Share information with other local responders to enhance coordination
- Co-operate with other local responders to enhance coordination and efficiency

### 3.7 **Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership Assurance to IJB:**

As both NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council are existing Category 1 Responders, both have established governance arrangements in place to ensure the duties required under the Act are met. NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council currently manage incidents and work successfully with the other Category 1 Responders where required.

Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership has well established processes in place as an existing Category 1 Responder, a brief overview has been included below:

- Multi level risk registers are in place and well monitored across the Partnership and within the IJB
- A Governance structure which is resilience and risk management focussed meets routinely to review and monitor resilience and risk
- Emergency plans are in place and routinely reviewed and exercised.
- Business Continuity Plans are in place for all Services which are aligned with the Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership overarching emergency plan.
- Well established and strong relationship with existing Category 1 Responders, a strong infrastructure exists with both local, regional and national resilience partners.

For the IJB to meet the requirements of the Act, the Chief Officer will continue to manage the responsibilities and work with Category 1 responders. However, this will be in the role of Chief Officer not as a Director within NHS Lothian.

Any updates to the legislation will be brought to the IJB for their review and information.

## **4 Policy Implications**

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- 4.1 This paper describes the implementation of the new legislation requiring Integration Joint Board to be escalated to Category 1 Responders.

## **5 Directions**

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- 5.1 This report does not require a new direction

## **6 Equalities Implications**

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- 6.1 There are no equalities implications with this change.

## **7 Resource Implications**

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- 7.1 There are no resource implications with the implementation of this legislation.

## **8 Risk**

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- 8.1 A risk noting the inclusion of the Integrated Joint Board as Category 1 Responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 could be added to the IJB risk register to reflect the additional responsibilities the IJB now holds.

## **9 Involving people**

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- 9.1 Representatives from Midlothian Health and Social Care have been involved with the Scottish Government consultation, South of Scotland RRP and local resilience committees throughout the implementation of this legislation.

## **10 Background Papers**

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- 10.1 None

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**Appendices: Nil**