

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Thursday 27 August 2020, 2.00pm

Membership of Midlothian Integration Joint Board and Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Members

Item number: 5.2

Executive summary

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3 Background and main report

Midlothian Integration Joint Board-Voting Member

- 3.1 NHS Lothian has advised that Alex Joyce was retiring and stepping down from the NHS Board. The Board has agreed to appoint Mike Ash as a voting member of Midlothian IJB for the period 12 August 2020 to 30 April 2021. Alex Joyce was also one of the two voting NHSL Members who were appointed to the MIJB Audit and Risk Committee.

Audit and Risk Committee

- 3.2 The Audit and Risk Committee currently has a total of three vacancies which now require to be filled. Two of these positions were previously occupied by voting NHS Lothian members of the Board – Alex Joyce and Angus McCann - and the third was occupied by a voting Council member of the Board – Councillor Pauline Winchester.
- 3.3 Under Standing Order 14, the Integration Joint Board shall appoint such committees, and working groups as it thinks fit and shall appoint committee members to fill any vacancy in the membership as and when required.

- 3.4 The Board is therefore invited to confirm the appointment of the undernoted voting Board Members for the vacant positions on the Audit and Risk Committee.
- Carolyn Hirst,
 - Mike Ash and
 - Councillor Derek Milligan

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 The Midlothian Integration Joint Board (MIJB), was established as a separate legal entity as required by The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. It is responsible for the strategic planning and commissioning of a wide range of integrated health and social care services across the Midlothian partnership area, based on resources which have been delegated to it by the partners, Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.
- 4.2 The MIJB is therefore expected to operate under public sector good practice governance arrangements which are proportionate to its transactions and responsibilities to ensure the achievement of the objectives of Integration.
- 4.3 The establishment of robust internal controls, governance, and risk management arrangements is one of the key components of good governance, as is the oversight and scrutiny of their effectiveness. Good governance will enable the MIJB to pursue its vision effectively as well as underpinning that vision with mechanisms for control and management of risk.
- 4.4 The Audit and Risk Committee of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board is responsible for the promotion of best practice in the areas of risk management, financial procedures, internal controls, development of continuous improvement and review of External Audit and Internal Audit issues.
- 4.5 It is important that the MIJB's Audit and Risk Committee fully complies with best practice guidance on Audit Committees to ensure it can demonstrate its effectiveness as a scrutiny body as a foundation for sound corporate governance for the Midlothian Integration Joint Board.

5 Equalities Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific equalities or diversities matters that require to be taken into account although it is worth noting that the Midlothian IJB has addressing health inequalities as one of its primary objectives.

6 Resource Implications

- 6.1 Resources are in place to support the MIJB and its Audit and Risk Committee to fulfil their remits.

7 Risk

- 7.1 It is essential that there is a clear and robust process for appointing voting and non-voting members to the IJB otherwise there is a risk that the arrangements will not be compliant with regulations.
- 7.2 There is a risk that if the MIJB Audit and Risk Committee does not fully comply with best practice guidance it limits its effectiveness as a scrutiny body and foundation for sound corporate governance. The appointment of a full membership compliment to the MIJB Audit and Risk Committee by the MIJB will assist in mitigating this risk.

8 Involving people

- 8.1 There are no specific implications for involving people as a result of this report.

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 There are no background papers.

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