

Midlothian Integration Joint Board

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Thursday 19 December 2024
Item 4.2



Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Midlothian Integration Joint Board	Thursday 19 September 2024	2.00pm	Council Chambers, Midlothian House and Virtual Meeting held using Microsoft Teams

Present (voting members):

Councillor McManus (Chair)	Val De Souza (Vice Chair/virtual)	Councillor McKenzie (Substitute for Councillor Parry)
Dr Amjad Khan (virtual)	Kirsty MacDonald (virtual)	

Present (non-voting members):

David King, Interim Chief Finance Officer	Morag Barrow, Director of Health & Social Care: Midlothian HSCP, Chief Officer to Midlothian IJB	Nick Clater, Deputy Chief Social Work Officer
Wanda Fairgrieve, Partnership Representative (NHS)		

In attendance:

Grace Cowan, Head of Primary Care & Older People	Gill Main, Integration Manager	Duncan Stainbank (virtual), Chief Internal Auditor
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Claire Gardiner (virtual), External Auditor (Audit Scotland)	Rebecca Green (virtual), Clinical Director	Iina Jaara, Democratic Services Team Leader
Maria Perez, Democratic Services Officer		

Apologies:		
Keith Chapman, Lived Experience member	Claire Ross, Chief AHP	Joan Tranent, Chief Social Work Officer & Chief Officer Children's Services, Partnerships and Communities

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board (MIJB). Apologies were received from Keith Chapman, Claire Ross, and Joan Tranent. The Chair noted that Councillor McKenzie is attending the meeting on behalf of Councillor Parry.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda previously circulated.

3. Declarations of Interest

None presented.

4. Minute of Previous Meetings

No items for discussion.

5. Public Reports

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<p>5.1 Chair's Update - Councillor McManus - For Decision</p> <p>The Chair gave a verbal update and highlighted the MIJB's recent meeting and contribution to the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill Consultation. The Chair was unable to attend this session, but was pleased to see that members were generally in agreement. The Integration Manager will circulate the response to members in due course. The Chair also reminded members that there will be a Development Session immediately after this meeting.</p> <p>MIJB noted the Chair's update.</p>	Update was noted.		
<p>5.2 MIJB Annual Accounts 2023/24 (Final Position) - Presented by David King, Interim Chief Financial Officer - For Approval</p> <p>The Interim Chief Financial Officer presented the report of the MIJB Annual Accounts for the financial year of 2023/2024, which have now been audited by the Integration Joint Board's (IJB) Independent Auditors who have reported their view to the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee of 21 September 2024. The Interim Chief Financial Officer asked the External Auditor to also reflect on their report.</p> <p>Board Members are asked to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report of the Independent Auditor. • Approve the IJB's annual accounts for 2023/2024. <p>The External Auditor highlighted the report was presented at the normal audit timescales and thanked all IJB members for their help in meeting this deadline. The report includes limited recommendations which have not impacted the view of the External Auditor. The External Auditor highlighted that they are confident in the financial management arrangements in place</p>	The Annual Accounts were approved.		

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<p>but acknowledged the ongoing challenges in the IJB's financial sustainability. It was reported that MIJB's situation is similar to those of IJBs across Scotland. Good practices were also highlighted.</p> <p>The Vice Chair highlighted a recent MIJB Audit & Risk Committee meeting and expressed that the Committee viewed the audit process and the following report as fair. The Vice Chair thanked the External Auditor for their support in the last year. The Interim Chief Financial Officer asked the IJB to approve the accounts and explained the signing-off process after approval.</p> <p>The IJB members were in agreement and the accounts were approved.</p>			

6. Private Reports

No items for discussion.

7. Any Other Business

The Chair noted that this is Wanda Fairgrieve, the NHS Partnership Representative's last meeting as they are moving onto a role within East Lothian Council and thanked them for their service.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board will be on Thursday the 17th of October 2024, 14:00-16:00.

The meeting terminated at 14:10.

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