

# Midlothian Integration Joint Board

Midlothian Integration Joint Board  
Thursday 14 October 2021  
Item No 4.2



Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Midlothian Integration Joint Board	Thursday 9 September 2021	2.00pm	Virtual Meeting held using Microsoft Teams.

## **Present (voting members):**

Carolyn Hirst (Chair)	Cllr Derek Milligan (Vice Chair)	Tricia Donald
Cllr Jim Muirhead	Angus McCann	Cllr Catherine Johnstone
Cllr Pauline Winchester		

## **Present (non-voting members):**

Morag Barrow (Chief Officer)	David King (Interim Chief Finance Officer)	Fiona Stratton (Chief Nurse)
Wanda Fairgrieve (Staff side representative)	Fiona Huffer (Head of Dietetics)	Marlene Gill (User/Carer) (substitute for Keith Chapman)
Lesley Kelly (Third Sector)		

## **In attendance:**

Roxanne King (Business Manager)	Mairi Simpson (Integration Manager)	Andrew Henderson (DSO – Observing)
Mike Broadway (Clerk)		

## **Apologies:**

James Hill (Staff side representative)		

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### 1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Carolyn Hirst, welcomed everyone to this virtual Special Meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board.

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Board, having heard from the Chair, and Wanda Fairgrieve, both of whom paid warm tribute to Tom Waterson who had sadly passed away earlier in the day, paid its respects by observing a minute's silence.

### 2. Order of Business

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

### 3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

### 4. Public Reports

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<p><b>4.1 2020/21 Audited Annual Accounts – Report by Chief Officer.</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report was to present for the Board's approval the Audited Annual Accounts for 2020/21.</p> <p>The report explained that as a statutory body, the IJB was required to produce a set of annual accounts at the end of its financial year (31 March). These accounts were then reviewed by the IJB's external auditors who report their opinion of the IJB's annual accounts to the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee. The Independent auditors have given the accounts an 'unqualified' opinion which means that they meet the</p>	<p>(a). Noted the report of the Independent Auditor and requested the Chief Finance raise the issue of the need to endure the correct use of terminology and the Board's disappointment at amber rating for Value for Money; and</p> <p>(b). Approved the IJB's Annual Accounts 2020/21 and make appropriate arrangements for the document to be signed electronically.</p>	Chief Finance Officer	

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<p>requirements of the regulations and give a fair and true view of the IJB's financial position in 2020/21. The accounts are required to be signed off by 30 September and signed by the Chair of the IJB, the Chief Officer of the IJB, the Chief Finance Officer of the IJB and the Independent Auditor.</p> <p>The Independent Auditors reported their views to the meeting of the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee on 2 September 2020. The IJB's Audit and Risk Committee was satisfied with the report of the Independent Auditor and recommended that the Annual Accounts are approved by the IJB.</p> <p>The Chief Finance Officer in presenting the Annual Accounts to the Board summarised the key findings and conclusions contained in the Annual Audit Report and made particular reference to plans to address issues around Financial Sustainability and Value for Money. He also made mention of the interchangeable used of the terms 'Integrated Joint Board' (IJB) and 'Health and Social Care Partnership' (HSCP), which given that they were two distinctly separate bodies was not always appropriate.</p> <p>There then followed a general discussion on the Annual Accounts during which both Morag Barrow and David King provided clarity on a number of issues in response to Members questions and comments.</p> <p>With regards the amber rating for Value for Money the Board expressed its disappointment that the</p>			

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<p>decision to exercise powers granted by the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 to delay publication of the Annual Performance Report for 2020/21, had adversely impacted on this rating.</p>			
<p><b>4.2 Support to the 2020-21 Winter Plan – Report by Chief Officer.</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report was to seek the release of £756,000 from the IJB’s general reserves to allow the Midlothian Health and Social Care partnership to appoint 20.00 WTE additional Healthcare Support workerd and 1.00 WTE additional admin member of staff. These staff would provide additional support to the HSCP’s services during the winter.</p> <p>The report explained that every year, NHS Lothian working with its partners in the IJBs and the Councils prepared a Winter Plan. The Plan was designed to ensure that any additional pressures on the NHS that arise from winter and its impact on the population are matched with the appropriate additional resources. It was clear from early indicators that given the continuing impact of the Covid pandemic that this winter was likely to prove very challenging</p> <p>The Board, having heard from Chief Officer, Morag Barrow, acknowledged the difficulties to recruit on a temporary basis (a one-year contract) and welcomed the decision of NHS Lothian Gold Command to accept the financial risk of appointing these staff on a permanent basis. With regards whether the number involved would be enough to meet the anticipated</p>	<p>Agreed that the IJB will release c. £756,000 of funds from its general reserve over 2021/22 and 2022/23 to allow the HSCP to recruit the additional staff required.</p>	<p>Chief Officer</p>	

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requirements, the Chief Officer explained that the proposed number of staff was based on their best estimates,, and whilst due to the unprecedented nature of the situation it was impossible to be absolutely certain, the position would be kept under close review.			

### 5. Private Reports

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There were no private reports for consideration at this meeting.

### 6. Any other business

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The Board, having noted that this would be Fiona Huffer's last IJB meeting as she would shortly be taking up a new post in West Lothian, joined with the Chair in expressing their thanks to Fiona for all her hard work in support of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board over the years, and wishing her well in her new role.

### 7. Date of next meeting

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The next meetings of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board would be held on:

- Thursday 14 October 2021      2pm      Midlothian Integration Joint Board
- Thursday 11 November 2021      1.30pm\*      Development Workshop  
(Please Note Carefully the earlier start time)

**(Action: All Members to Note)**

The meeting terminated at 2.42pm.