

Midlothian Integration Joint Board – Appointment of Chair**Report by Allister Short, Chief Officer, Midlothian Integration Joint Board****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** This report invites Council to nominate one of the four Midlothian Councillors currently serving as voting members on the Midlothian Integration Joint Board as Chair for a two year period until 2021.

2 Background

- 2.1** Under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, and associated Regulations, Local Authorities and Health Boards were required to jointly submit Integration Schemes for Ministerial approval by 1 April 2015. Following preparation of, and consultation on, a proposed Midlothian Integration Scheme, on 24 March 2015, Midlothian Council authorised the submission of the Integration Scheme to the Scottish Government for approval. The NHS Lothian Board had agreed similarly at its meeting on 4 March 2015.
- 2.2** The Midlothian Integration Scheme was subsequently submitted to and approved by Scottish Ministers and The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 laid before the Scottish Parliament on 29th May 2015, coming into force on 27th June 2015.
- 2.3** The inaugural meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board was then held on 20th August 2015.
- 2.4** The Midlothian Integration Scheme has recently been updated to include the new functions arising from the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

3 Membership of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board - Voting Members, Chair and Vice-Chair

- 3.1** The “Local Governance Arrangements” for the Midlothian Integration Joint Board are set out in the Midlothian Integration Scheme, an extract of which is shown in the **Appendix** hereto. Under the Scheme Midlothian Council requires to nominate four Councillors, who will be voting members of the Integration Joint Board. There will also be four non-executive directors nominated by NHS Lothian who will likewise be voting members.

- 3.2** The four Councillors appointed by the Council following the local government elections in May 2017 were Councillors Milligan, Muirhead, Johnstone and Winchester. With Councillor Milligan being nominated and currently serving as the Vice-Chair.
- 3.2** The Integration Joint Board also comprises a number of non-voting Professional Advisors and Stakeholder members, appointed by the Board. The Chair and a Vice-Chair will however be appointed from amongst the voting members nominated by the Council and NHS Lothian.
- 3.3** The initial Chair was appointed by Midlothian Council and the initial Vice-Chair by NHS Lothian. They each served for two years from the date on which the Integration Joint Board was established until the second anniversary of that date. At the end of that period the Chair fell to be appointed by NHS Lothian and the Vice-Chair by Midlothian Council. Thereafter, the appointments will continue to alternate on a two yearly basis between the parties.
- 3.4** The Council and NHS Lothian can change its appointee as Chair (or, as the case may be, Vice-Chair) at any time and it is entirely at the discretion of each of the appointing parties to decide who it shall appoint and how they shall be appointed.
- 3.5** The fourth anniversary of the establishment of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board falls on 20th August 2019 and the Council is therefore invited to nominate one of the four Midlothian Councillors currently serving as voting members on the Midlothian Integration Joint Board as Chair from that date until the sixth anniversary in 2021.

4 Term of Office of Integration Joint Board Members

- 4.1** Except as stated below, the term of office of a member of the Integration Joint Board is to be determined by the constituent authorities, but this is not to exceed three years. At the end of this period the member may be re-appointed for a further term of office.
- 4.2** The above is subject to Articles 9 (resignation of members) and 10 (removal of members) of The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014.
- 4.3** It is perhaps worth noting at this juncture that the three year term of office of all the Council appointed nominees comes to an end in May 2020.

5 Report Implications

5.1 Resource

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

5.2 Risk

Failure to nominate a Chair from the four Councillors appointed as voting member of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board would mean that the Council was not meeting its statutory obligations and this in turn would restrict the Board in fulfilling its statutory duties.

5.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☒ Community safety
- ☒ Adult health, care and housing
- ☒ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☒ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

5.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

One of the key objectives of the Integration Joint Board is to have a positive impact on healthy inequalities. This will entail collaborating closely with Community Planning Partners, particularly in targeted work in areas of deprivation.

5.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The Integration Joint Board will have a duty to publish an annual performance report which measures progress against a suite of nationally agreed outcome indicators. Of critical importance will be those indicators which measure the shift in balance of care reducing delayed discharge and repeat emergency admissions.

5.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

In keeping with the Christie Report on the future of public services the move towards integration of health and social care is driven by the recognition that the current model of service delivery will become unsustainable. Preventing ill health and enabling people to recover as far as possible from ill health, whether physical or mental, is a central theme of the strategic direction of the Integration Joint Board.

5.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The regulations accompanying the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 are quite unequivocal about the importance of working with localities and involving in a meaningful way all key stakeholders. This includes staff, users, family carers, voluntary sector, housing and independent providers of health and social care. Locally a Strategic Planning Group has been established in line with these regulations. Alongside this the Integration Joint Board has taken a particularly strong interest in developing effective mechanisms for communicating with users, carers and the general public.

5.8 Ensuring Equalities

An equalities impact assessment has not been considered necessary for this report.

5.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

5.10 IT Issues

There are no IT issues arising from this report.

6 Recommendations

The Council is invited:-

- (a) to nominate one of the four Councillors currently serving as voting members on the Midlothian Integration Joint Board as Chair;
- (b) to note that the term of office of the four Councillors appointed to serve as voting members on the Midlothian Integration Joint Board comes to an end in 2020;
- (c) to note that Members may be re-appointed for a further term of office;
- (d) to instruct the Chief Officer to bring forward a further report at the appropriate time; and
- (f) to otherwise note this report.

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Extract from Midlothian Integration Scheme

3. Local Governance Arrangements

3.1 Membership

3.1.1 The IJB shall have the following voting members:

- a) 4 councillors nominated by the Council; and
- b) 4 non-executive directors nominated by NHS Lothian, in compliance with articles 3(4) and 3(5) of the Integration Joint Boards Order.

3.1.2 The Parties may determine their own respective processes for deciding who to nominate as voting members of the IJB.

3.1.3 Non-voting members of the IJB will be appointed in accordance with article 3 of the Integration Joint Boards Order.

3.1.4 The term of office of members shall be as prescribed by regulation 7 of the Integration Joint Boards Order.

3.2 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

3.2.1 The IJB shall have a chairperson and vice-chairperson who will both be voting members of the IJB.

3.2.2 The term of office of the chairperson will be two years, with the Council appointing the first chairperson for the period from the date on which the IJB is established until the second anniversary of that date, and NHS Lothian appointing the second chairperson for the period from the second anniversary of the date on which the IJB is established until the fourth anniversary of that date.

3.2.3 As from the fourth anniversary of the date on which the IJB is established, the power to appoint the chairperson will continue to alternate between each of the Parties on a two-year cycle.

3.2.4 The term of office of the vice chairperson will be two years, with NHS Lothian appointing the first vice chairperson for the period from the date on which the IJB is established until the second anniversary of that date. The provisions set out above under which the power of appointment of the chairperson will alternate between the Parties on a two-year cycle will apply in relation to the power to appoint the vice chairperson, and on the basis that during any period when the power to appoint the chairperson is vested in one Party, the other Party shall have power to appoint the vice-chairperson.

- 3.2.5 The Parties may determine their own processes for deciding who to appoint as chairperson or vice-chairperson.
- 3.2.6 Each Party may change its appointment as chairperson (or, as the case may be, vice chairperson) at any time; and it is entirely at the discretion of the Party which is making the appointment to decide who it shall appoint.