

Midlothian Integration Joint Board

Midlothian Integration Joint Board
Thursday 13 April 2023
Item No 4.2



Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Special Midlothian Integration Joint Board	Thursday 16 March 2023	2.00pm	Virtual Meeting held using Microsoft Teams

Present (voting members):

Val de Souza (Chair)	Andrew Fleming	Angus McCann
Cllr Derek Milligan	Cllr Kelly Parry	Cllr Pauline Winchester
Peter Knight (substitute for Nadin Akta)	Cllr Stuart McKenzie (substitute for Cllr Colin Cassidy)	

Present (non-voting members):

Morag Barrow (Chief Officer)	Joan Tranent (Chief Social Work Officer)	Claire Flanagan (Chief Finance Officer)
Rebecca Green (Clinical Director)	Fiona Stratton (Chief Nurse)	Grace Chalmers (Staff side representative)
Hannah Cairns (Allied Health Professional)	Miriam Leighton (Third Sector)	

In attendance:

Cllr David Virgo	Kevin Anderson (Executive Director Place)	Craig Marriott (Director of Finance)
Nick Clater (Head of Adult & Social Care)	Kay Jenks (Audit Scotland)	Gill Main (Integration Manager)
Elouise Johnstone (Performance Manager)	Fergus Grierson (Communications Officer)	Mike Broadway (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr Colin Cassidy (Vice Chair)	Nadin Akta	Johanne Simpson (Medical Practitioner)
Keith Chapman (User/Carer)	Wanda Fairgrieve (Staff side representative)	Jordan Miller (Staff side representative)

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1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Val de Souza, welcomed everyone to this virtual Special Meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board.

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, however statements of transparency were made by Councillors Milligan, Parry, Winchester and McKenzie all of who had been involved in setting the Midlothian Council's budget.

4. Public Reports

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4.1 Chair's Update - Presented by Val de Souza Val de Souza reported the appointment of Andrew Fleming as a MIJB Voting Member and Peter Knight as a Proxy Voting Member for Nadin Akta, and welcomed both to the meeting. Val then went on to remark on the unprecedented budgetary pressures being faced by both partners and the potential challenges this was likely to present not just for them but for the IJB also.	(a) To endorse the appointment of Andrew Fleming as a MIJB Voting Member and Peter Knight as a Proxy Voting Member for Nadin Akta; and (b) To otherwise note the Chair's update	All To Note	
4.2 Midlothian Council Finance Update - Verbal update from Kevin Anderson, Executive Director Place, Midlothian Council The Board heard from Kevin Anderson, Executive	To note the update.		

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Director Place regarding the budget position facing the Council. He emphasised that the formal budget offer to the MIJB should be considered in the context of an extremely challenging financial climate, forecasted expenditure and the resulting financial gap.			
4.3 NHS Lothian Finance Update - Verbal update from Craig Marriot, Director of Finance, NHS Lothian The Board, then heard from Craig Marriott, Director of Finance regarding the budget positions facing NHS Lothian. He sought to emphasise that whilst work on the formal budget offer was progressing, the indicative position should similarly be considered in the context of a no less challenging financial climate than that facing the Council, forecasted expenditure and the resulting financial gap	To note the update.		
4.4 Financial Update – Budget Offers from Partners for 2023/24 - Paper presented by Claire Flanagan, Chief Finance Officer The purpose of this report was to provide the Board with confirmation of the formal Midlothian Council budget offer to the MIJB and an update on the current indicative proposed budget offer and principles for 2023/24 from NHS Lothian. Further to this the report also set out the IJBs updated medium term financial plan projections and the financial recovery plans and assumptions to support the IJB balancing its budget in 2023/24. A	(a) Agreed to defer consideration of the formal budget offers from Partners for 2023/24 to the April MIJB Board meeting; (b) Agreed to enter into discussions with both Partners regarding their budget offers and to explore in particular possible alternative options to address the remaining financial gap of £1.3m for 2023/24 and the resultant recurring funding gap;	Chief Finance Officer	

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<p>position of the IJB reserves was included covering both general and earmarked reserves. Finally, the reports asked the IJB to agree to request options for the remaining financial gap of £1.3m for 2023/24 be developed further and brought to April's IJB meeting.</p> <p>The Board heard from Chief Finance Officer, Claire Flanagan, who in acknowledging the challenging financial landscape, sought to address the "fair and adequacy" measure used by the Board when considering the partners' budgetary offers.</p> <p>The Board, in considering the offers made by its partners, discussed how the remaining financial gap of £1.3m for 2023/24 had arisen; ways in which it could potentially be addressed; and the most appropriate way to proceed in terms of governance.</p>	<p>(c) Agreed to seek further clarity on the Scottish Government's funding requirements for IJBs in view of the current funding offers;</p> <p>(d) Agreed to share draft letter to Scottish Government with IJB members; and</p> <p>(e) To otherwise note the current report.</p>		
<p>4.5 Midlothian IJB Directions 2023/24 - Paper presented by Gill Main, Integration Manager</p> <p>With reference to paragraph 5.5 of the Minutes of 9 February 2023 there was submitted a report the purpose of which was to present the proposed MIJB Directions for 2023-24.</p> <p>The Board, having received an overview from Integration Manager, Gill Main who responded to Members' questions and comments, discussed the proposed MIJB Directions for 2023-24.</p>	<p>(a) Approved the Directions for 2023/24; and</p> <p>(b) Agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Officer to issue the Directions for 2023/24 to the Chief Executives of NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council on 31st March 2023.</p>	Integration Manager/ Chief Officer	

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5. Private Reports

No private business to be discussed at this meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

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

- Thursday 13th April 2023 2pm Midlothian Integration Joint Board
- Thursday 11th May 2023 1pm Development Workshop

(Action: All Members to Note)

The meeting terminated at 3.50 pm.