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Special General Meeting of the Council: 14 May 2024.

Integration Joint Board.

Report by Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

1. Overview

- 1.1. The Integration Joint Board is a body corporate, established by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 under section 9 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 1.2. The 2014 Act also requires health boards and local authorities to prepare, agree and consult on an integration scheme. Orkney's Integration Scheme was approved by Scottish Ministers on 6 February 2016 and was subject to its five yearly review in 2021.
- 1.3. The Integration Scheme states that the voting membership of the Integration Joint Board should comprise three elected members of the Local Authority and three non-executive directors of the Health Board.
- 1.4. In terms of the Orkney Integration Scheme all appointments, with the exception of the Chief Officer, the Chief Finance Officer of the Board and the Chief Social Work Officer, who are members of the Board by virtue of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 and the post they hold, are for a period of two years.
- 1.5. As well as three voting members, the Council can also appoint up to three proxy members.
- 1.6. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board rotate every two years in May, to enable the appointments to rotate equally between the Local Authority and the Health Board. Currently, the Chair of the Integration Joint Board is held by the Council until May 2025.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that members of the Council:

- i. Appoint 3 members to the Integration Joint Board for the period to May 2026.
- ii. Appoint one of the three members to be Chair of the Integration Joint Board, noting that this will revert to the position of Vice Chair in May 2025 for a period of one year.
- iii. Appoint three proxy members to the Integration Joint Board for the period to May 2026.

3. Existing Membership

3.1. Existing membership of the Integration Joint Board is as follows:

- Voting Members:
 - Councillor Rachael A King.
 - Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
 - Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Proxy Members:
 - Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
 - Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
 - Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

4. Additional Workload

4.1. It should be noted that the voting members of the Integration Joint Board will also be members of the following groups appointed by the Integration Joint Board:

- Strategic Planning Group – the Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board chairs this group (regardless of which party holds the post of Chair).
- Performance and Audit Committee – membership comprises four voting members of the Integration Joint Board, with both the Chair and Vice Chair being ineligible, therefore the other two voting members require to be members. One of the Council voting members will Chair this Committee, if NHS Orkney holds the post of Chair of the Integration Joint Board.
- Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee – the Chair of the Integration Joint Board (when this is a Council appointment) cannot sit on this Committee, however the Terms of Reference allow for three Council voting members; therefore in addition to the other two voting members, one of the proxies will

be a member of this Committee, when the Council holds the post of Chair of the Integration Joint Board.

- 4.2. The Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever is the Council appointment, acts as spokesperson, from the Council's perspective, on all health, social care and social work matters, including attendance at the Health and Social Care Board of CoSLA.

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Implications of Report

1. **Financial:** none.
2. **Legal:** none.
3. **Corporate Governance:** Appointments are regulated by the Integration Scheme.
4. **Human Resources:** none.
5. **Equalities:** not applicable.
6. **Island Communities Impact:** not applicable.
7. **Links to Council Plan:** not applicable.
8. **Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan:** not applicable.
9. **Environmental and Climate Risk:** not applicable.
10. **Risk –** not applicable.
11. **Procurement –** not applicable.
12. **Health and Safety:** not applicable.
13. **Property and Assets:** not applicable.
14. **Information Technology:** not applicable.
15. **Cost of Living:** not applicable.

List of Background Papers

Orkney Integration Scheme.

Minute of the Statutory General Meeting of Orkney Islands Council held on 16 May 2022.

Appendix

None.