

Item: 11

Statutory General Meeting of the Council: 16 May 2022.

Integration Joint Board.

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

1. Purpose of Report

To make appointments to the Integration Joint Board.

2. Recommendations

The Council is invited to note:

2.1.

That, in accordance with the Integration Scheme, the Council must appoint three voting members to the Integration Joint Board.

2.2.

That, as stated in the Integration Scheme, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board rotate every two years in May, to enable the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair to rotate equally between the Local Authority and the Health Board.

2.3.

That, in May 2021, the role of Chair reverted to NHS Orkney, with one of the Council's voting members assuming the role of Vice Chair.

2.4.

That, in May 2023, the roles will rotate, with the Council taking on the role of Chair of the Integration Joint Board, and the Vice Chair being one of NHS Orkney's voting members.

2.5.

That the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board are appointed by the respective partners, namely by the Council and the Board of NHS Orkney.

2.6.

That, in December 2021, when disestablishing the Orkney Health and Care Committee, the Council agreed that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever was the Council appointment, should, from a Council perspective, act as spokesperson on all health, social care and social work matters, including

attendance at the Health and Social Care Board of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

2.7.

That, as well as appointing three voting members, the Council has previously resolved to appoint three other members to act as proxies for the Council's voting members on the Integration Joint Board.

2.8.

That, as all appointments to the Integration Joint Board are for a period of two years, appointments made at this meeting will be reviewed in May 2024.

It is recommended:

2.9.

That the Council appoints three voting members to the Integration Joint Board.

2.10.

That the Council appoints one of its three voting members of the Integration Joint Board as Vice Chair.

2.11.

That the Council appoints three other members to act as proxies for the Council's voting members on the Integration Joint Board.

3. Background

3.1.

On 23 November 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee considered a report regarding the future of the Orkney Health and Care Committee which was the main decision-making body for the Council's social work and social care functions. This role was transferred to the Integration Joint Board when these functions were delegated in terms of the Public Bodies (Scotland) Act 2014.

3.2.

Following an analysis of business considered by the Orkney Health and Care Committee, it was highlighted that very few substantive decisions were made and often the papers represented duplication, as they were also discussed via the Policy and Resources Committee or the Integration Joint Board.

3.3.

Accordingly, the Council resolved to disestablish the Orkney Health and Care Committee, noting that this would streamline governance arrangements, reduce duplication and have no impact on formal decision-making processes, given that

continued oversight and scrutiny would be undertaken by the Policy and Resources Committee or the Integration Joint Board.

3.4.

Membership of the Orkney Health and Care Committee comprised nine members of the Council, as follows:

- 3 voting members on the Integration Joint Board.
- 3 other members who act as proxies for the Integration Joint Board.
- Convener.
- Leader.
- Depute Leader.

3.5.

The Chair of the Orkney Health and Care Committee also acted as Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever was the Council appointment.

3.5.1.

When disestablishing the Orkney Health and Care Committee, the Council also agreed that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever was the Council appointment, should, from a Council perspective, act as spokesperson on all health, social care and social work matters, including attendance at the Health and Social Care Board of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

3.6.

Appendix 1 to the Council's Standing Orders sets out the Scheme of Appointment of Members to Committees. This has now been amended following disestablishment of the Orkney Health and Care Committee (see Appendix 1 to Item 6 – Procedure for Appointments).

4. Appointment of Members

4.1.

On 24 March 2015, when considering a revised Integration Scheme for Orkney's Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board following consultation, the Council resolved:

- That the number of Councillors to be appointed to the Integration Joint Board be confirmed as three.
- That the term of office for appointment to the Integration Joint Board should be two years.
- That the appointment to Chair and Vice Chair be time limited to a period not exceeding two years and carried out on a rotational basis between the Council and NHS Board.

- That the first Chair of the Integration Joint Board should be appointed by the Council with NHS Orkney appointing the Vice Chair.

4.2.

On 23 November 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee considered amendments to Orkney's Integration Scheme, noting that Section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires the local authority and the Health Board to carry out a review of the Integration Scheme before the expiry of the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the scheme was approved by the Scottish Ministers.

4.3.

Although some minor amendments were proposed, none affected the section relating to appointments to the Integration Joint Board.

4.4.

Disestablishment of the Orkney Health and Care Committee has simplified the process for appointments to the Integration Joint Board, as the Council no longer has to consider any ex officio or connected appointments, as set out in sections 3.4 and 3.5 above.

4.5.

Accordingly, the Council is requested to make the following appointments:

- Three voting members to the Integration Joint Board.
- One of the three voting members to be appointed as Chair/Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever is the Council appointment.
- Three members to act as proxies for the Council's voting members on the Integration Joint Board.

4.6.

As stated in the Integration Scheme, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board rotate every two years in May, to enable the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair to rotate equally between the Local Authority and the Health Board.

4.6.1.

In May 2021, the role of Chair reverted to NHS Orkney, with one of the Council's voting members assuming the role of Vice Chair. In May 2023, the roles will rotate, with the Council taking on the role of Chair, and the Vice Chair being one of NHS Orkney's voting members. These appointments are made by the respective partner.

4.7.

Previous membership of the Integration Joint Board was as follows:

- 3 voting members:
 - Councillor Rachael A King.
 - Councillor John T Richards.
 - Councillor Stephen Sankey.
- 3 other members who acted as proxies:
 - Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
 - Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
 - Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

5. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

6. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report.

7. Legal Aspects

7.1.

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.

7.2.

There are no legal implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report.

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