

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL24 MAY 2017Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveNOMINATION TO NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE BOARD
AND MEMBERSHIP OF EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD/SOCIAL
WORK COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek the nomination of an Elected Member to serve as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and appoint members to serve on the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board and Council's Social Work Complaints Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council:-
- (a) consider the nomination of an Elected Member to serve as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, taking account of the guidance on nominations;
 - (b) nominate 4 Members to serve on the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board and Council's Social Work Complaints Committee; and
 - (c) determine which of the Council's 4 nominees will be the lead representative on the Integration Joint Board and as such be the person appointed as Chair/Vice Chair in accordance with the Integration Scheme.

REPORT

3. The Scottish Executive Health Department document "Rebuilding Our National Health Service" formalised the concept of local authority members sitting as Non-Executive Directors on NHS Boards. As a result of this, since 1 October 2001, the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has included an Elected Member from East Renfrewshire Council, the previous nominee being Councillor Alan Lafferty who held the position of Convener for Social Work and Health.

4. The Council has now been invited to make a nomination to the Board.

5. Guidance regarding nominations from councils to serve on health boards makes it clear that the person nominated by the Council should be either:-

The Leader of the Council;
The Deputy Leader of the Council; or
The senior member of the Council with designated responsibility for public health related issues

6. It should be highlighted that appointments to the NHS Boards are made by Scottish Ministers.

Integration Joint Board

7. The East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) has responsibility for the delivery of health and social care services in East Renfrewshire.

8. The Integration Scheme for the IJB sets out the various persons who shall be appointed to the Board. This includes 4 members each appointed by both the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. These 8 people make up the voting membership of the Board.

Chair/Vice Chair

9. The Integration Scheme clarifies that the positions of Chair and Vice Chair shall alternate between the Council and the Health Board with each body having to appoint one of their 4 representatives as their lead member to be appointed to these positions. Councillor Lafferty was the Council's lead member on the IJB. The initial term of office was 1 year with the position of Chair being held by 1 of the Health Board representatives. At the end of this first year the positions of Chair and Vice Chair alternated and Councillor Lafferty assumed the position of Chair in August 2016. As a result, the Member appointed by the Council as the lead representative on the IJB will assume the role of Chair for the remainder of the Council term: i.e. until August 2018.

Social Work Complaints Committee

10. Whilst the procedure for Social Work Complaints handling changed from 1 April 2017, any complaints submitted prior to that date need to be considered using the former complaints process. This includes consideration of the complaint by an independent Complaints Review Committee, which in turn prepares a report with recommendations to be considered by the Council body responsible for social work services. Although the Council has delegated this responsibility to the IJB, the statutory responsibility remains with the Council. To meet these requirements a Social Work Complaints Committee was set up, comprising the Council's nominees to the IJB. It is recommended that this arrangement continue.

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Background papers

None