

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

25 MARCH 2015

Report by Deputy Chief Executive

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise the Council of the need for interim governance arrangements relating to the introduction of the Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board and to agree to a continuation of existing transition arrangements until the Board is in place.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council:-
- (a) agrees to the proposal from the Board that the current CHCP Committee migrates to an oversight sub-committee of the Board and continues until the formal introduction of the new Integration Joint Board;
 - (b) notes Councillor Swift's resignation from the CHCP Committee and considers whether to appoint a replacement; and
 - (c) considers the appointment of 2 proxy members on the Integration Joint Board.

REPORT

3. Members will recall that at the meeting of the Council on 13 September 2013 it was agreed that the CHCP Committee would perform the role of the "shadow" Integration Joint Board (IJB) for 2014/15 using the existing membership and Standing Orders. This decision was made on the assumption that all the necessary arrangements would be in place by 1 April 2015 to allow the Order establishing the IJB to be made and for the Integration Joint Board to take on its substantive role.

4. Due to continuing lengthy negotiations with the Scottish Government over the Scheme of Establishment, the Integration Joint Board will not be ready to begin operating from 1 April 2015.

5. As part of the legislative process around the introduction of IJBs, the legislation removing CH(C)Ps from the statute books with effect from 1 April has already been passed. As a result of this some other alternative mechanism needs to be introduced on an interim basis to allow for the transition from CH(C)Ps to IJBs to be completed.

6. This matter has already been considered by the Health Board at its meeting in February. It was explained that although CH(C)Ps would not exist after 1 April, the Board was able to establish sub-committees and operational management arrangements as it saw fit.

7. In view of this, the Board approved a proposal confirming that the current CH(C)P Committees were migrated to oversight sub-committees of the Board and that Partnership Directors continue with their operational responsibilities until Chief Officers were formally appointed by the IJBs when established. It should be noted that it has already been agreed that for the East Renfrewshire IJB, the CHCP Director will assume the role of Chief Officer. In moving to these arrangements the Board also recognised that any arrangements adopted needed to make provision for participation by those councillors who were to be members of the IJB.

Appointment of Replacement Member of CHCP Committee

8. Following the decision of the Council on 12 February regarding the Council's representation on the new Integration Joint Board, Councillor Swift tendered his resignation as a member of the CHCP Committee. As it is anticipated that the Scheme of Establishment will be finalised and the Order establishing the IJB will be made prior to the scheduled meeting in June, the Council may wish to consider whether there is any need for the CHCP Committee vacancy to be filled at this time.

Appointment of Proxy members of Integration Joint Board

10. Whilst at the previous meeting of the Council, the appointment of the Council's nominees to serve on the Integration Joint Board was approved, consideration of the appointment of 2 proxies was continued. Nominations for both proxy positions are now sought.

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Background papers None