



<p><b>Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b></p> <p><b>Held on</b></p>	<p>Integration Joint Board</p> <p>19 August 2015</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item</b></p>	<p>8</p>
<p><b>Title</b></p>	<p>Appointment of Chief Finance Officer</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>To consider the appointment of the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board (IJB).</p>	
<p><b>Presented by</b></p>	<p>Julie Murray, Chief Officer Designate</p>
<p><b>Action required</b></p> <p>That the Integration Joint Board agrees to appoint Lesley Bairden as the Chief Finance Officer.</p>	
<p><b>Implications checklist – check box if applicable and include detail in report</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial                      <input type="checkbox"/> Policy                      <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                      <input type="checkbox"/> Equalities  <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing                      <input type="checkbox"/> Property                      <input type="checkbox"/> IT                      <input type="checkbox"/> Efficient Government         </p>	

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**19 August 2015**

**Report by Julie Murray, Chief Officer Designate**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider the appointment of the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board (IJB).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Integration Joint Board agrees to appoint Lesley Bairden as the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Section 13 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 amends the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, by extending the application of Part 7 of the 1973 Act (with the exception of sections 101A and 105A) to Integration Joint Boards. Accordingly, the Integration Joint Board requires to appoint a proper officer who has responsibility for the administration of its financial affairs in terms of s.95 of the 1973 Act. That proper officer will be the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board.

**REPORT**

4. The Chief Finance Officer is accountable to the Integration Joint Board for the planning, development and delivery of the IJB's financial strategy, is responsible for the provision of strategic financial advice and support to the Integration Joint Board and Chief Officer and for the financial administration and financial governance of the Integration Joint Board. The Chief Finance Officer is the Accountable Officer for financial management and administration of the Integration Joint Board. The Chief Finance Officer's responsibility includes assuring probity, sound corporate governance and responsibility for achieving Best Value.
5. The Chief Finance Officer will be a key member of the Senior Management Team, helping it to plan, develop and implement business strategy and to resource and deliver the Integration Joint Board's strategic objectives sustainably and in the public interest.
6. The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for developing the financial strategy of the IJB and must be actively involved in, and able to bring influence to bear on all material business decisions to ensure immediate and longer term financial implications, opportunities and risks are fully considered and aligned with the

Integration Joint Board's financial strategy. The Chief Finance Officer must lead the promotion and delivery by the Integration Joint Board of good financial management so that public money is safeguarded at all times and used appropriately, economically, efficiently and effectively. The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for creating, in conjunction with those responsible for finance in the Council and Health Board, a collaborative arrangement.

7. During the first year of the Integration Joint Board, the Chief Officer and the Chief Finance Officer will develop the funding requirements for the Integrated Budget in 2016/17 based on the Strategic Plan. Following the determination of the amounts to be paid by the Council and NHS Board, the Integration Joint Board will refine the Strategic Plan to take account of the resources available. The Chief Officer will deliver the Health and Wellbeing Outcomes prescribed by the Scottish Ministers within the total delegated resources. Where there is a forecast overspend against an element of the operational budget, the Chief Officer, the Chief Finance Officer of the IJB and the appropriate finance officers of the Parties (East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) must agree a recovery plan to balance the overspending budget, which is subject to the approval of the Integration Joint Board.
8. The Council and NHS Board have been through a joint recruitment process to appoint Lesley Bairden as Chief Financial Officer to the Health & Social Care Partnership.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE REPORT**

### Finance

9. The financial implications of the report relate to the salary costs of the Chief Finance Officer which are included within budgeted salary costs.

### Legal

10. The appointment of the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board is required by s.95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

### Other

11. There are no human resources, property, IT, equalities or sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

12. Consultation on the appointment of the Chief Finance Officer has taken place with officers in East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

13. In appointing the Chief Finance Officer, Members are complying with legislation which states the Integration Joint Board is required to appoint a proper officer in respect of its financial affairs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

14. That the Integration Joint Board agrees to appoint Lesley Bairden as the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board.

## **REPORT AUTHOR AND PERSON TO CONTACT**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

## **KEY WORDS**

Chief Finance Officer; IJB