



Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board	
Held on	29 March 2023	
Agenda Item	14	
Title	Appointment of Standards Officer	
Summary		
A report seeking approval of the appointment of a replacement Standards Officer for the IJB		
Presented by	Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager	
Action Required		
The Integration Joint Board is asked to nominate for approval by the Standards Commission Colin Sweeney, Democratic Services Manager, East Renfrewshire Council as the Standards Officer for the IJB.		
Directions	Implications	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Directions Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk
<input type="checkbox"/> Directions to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input type="checkbox"/> Directions to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Directions to both ERC and NHSGGC	<input type="checkbox"/> Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairer Scotland Duty

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EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

29 March 2023

Report by Chief Officer

APPOINTMENT OF STANDARDS OFFICER

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To recommend that the Integration Joint Board nominates for approval by the Standards Commission a Standards Officer to comply with the requirements of the Ethical Standards legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the IJB nominates for approval by the Standards Commission Colin Sweeney, Democratic Services Manager, East Renfrewshire Council as the Standards Officer for the IJB.

BACKGROUND

3. The Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003 require devolved public bodies to have a Standards Officer. The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act (Consequential Amendments and Savings) Order 2015 has determined that Integration Joint Boards are devolved public bodies for the purposes of the Ethical Standards legislation and accordingly the IJB needs to make arrangements to have a Standards Officer.

REPORT

4. In November 2017 the Board agreed to nominate Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager as Standards Officer for the Board. The nomination was subsequently approved by the Board.

5. Mr Daly will be leaving the Council on 31 March and so it is necessary for the Board to nominate a replacement. Mr Daly's successor at East Renfrewshire Council is Mr Colin Sweeney. Mr Sweeney will continue to provide the secretariat function for the Board and accordingly it is recommended that he also be nominated as Standards Officer.

CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7. Consultation has taken place with Gerry Mahon the Council's Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement. Mr Mahon is the Council's Monitoring Officer that role having similar responsibilities in relation to councillors as the Standards Officer has for members of the IJB.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS.

8. There are no implications in terms of finance, policy, workforce, infrastructure, or equalities.
9. The legal implications are that failure to appoint a Standards Officer breaches the requirement as prescribed in the legislation.

CONCLUSIONS

10. The Board has to comply with the requirements of the 2003 Regulations to appoint a Standards Officer. Mr Sweeney's appointment will ensure that the Board is not in breach of the requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

11. That the IJB nominates for approval by the Standards Commission Colin Sweeney, Democratic Services Manager, East Renfrewshire Council as the Standards Officer for the IJB.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None