



REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 28 OCTOBER 2020

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – PROPOSED INCREASE

BY: INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER, MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To request Moray Council consider and approve an increase in voting membership of Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) by one Council member.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section II (22) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Council is requested to consider and approve the proposal for an increase in voting membership of MIJB by one member from Moray Council, and if in agreement advise who that will be.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Public Bodies Joint Working (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the Act”) and the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (“the Order”) sets out requirements about the membership of an Integration Joint Board.
- 3.2 The MIJB is a legal entity that binds NHS Grampian and Moray Council together in a joint arrangement. The voting membership of the MIJB reflects equal participation by NHS Grampian and Moray Council to ensure that there is joint decision making and accountability.
- 3.3 The Order requires that the Local Authority and Health Board put forward a minimum of three voting member nominees each. This number may be increased by local agreement, but the same number must be nominated by each party. Local Authorities can insist on nominating a maximum of 10% of their full number of Councillors. For Moray Council this would be 3 members. However, the Health Board and Local Authority may also agree that they will each nominate a larger number than this.

4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The MIJB have operated with 3 voting members from both NHS Grampian and Moray Council since inception in 2016 and these members take the role of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, the Audit Performance and Risk Committee and Clinical Care and Governance Committee.
- 4.2 There have been few occasions where committees could not be held because they were not quorate.
- 4.3 A query was raised with other local authorities to see what level of membership they provided, and, of those who responded, it identified that most had 4 members, although Aberdeenshire had 5.
- 4.4 The MIJB is currently in a shadow year of preparations for Children's Social Work and Criminal Justice services to be considered for delegation to the MIJB.
- 4.5 To provide greater resilience and wider scrutiny across MIJB committees the MIJB Chair and Interim Chief Officer were instructed by the MIJB on 24 September (para 13 of the draft minute refers) to request the Moray Council and NHS Grampian increase their number of voting members by one, from each partner organisation. A similar request will be submitted to NHS Grampian in November 2020.
- 4.6 An increase in voting members, if approved by Moray Council and NHS Grampian, would require an amendment to section 3.1 of the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme that was previously agreed by the MIJB at their meeting on 26 April 2018 (para 10 of the minute refers).

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

In line with the MIJB Integration Scheme, prepared in line with the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

(b) Policy and Legal

Complies with the terms of the Integration Scheme.

(c) Financial implications

There is potential for a slight increase in travel claims for attendance if meetings are not virtual. Meetings in person are usually held in Elgin.

(d) Risk Implications

The additional voting members will reduce the risk that there will be insufficient scrutiny of business and lessen the risk of meetings not taking place due to a failure to achieve quoracy.

(e) Staffing Implications

None arising directly from this report.

(f) Property

None arising directly from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required because there are no service, policy or organisational changes being proposed as a direct result of this report.

(h) Consultations

Consultation on this report has taken place with the Legal Services Manager, Moray Council, Democratic Services Manager, Moray Council, and Head of Financial Services, Moray Council who are in agreement with the report where it relates to their area of responsibility.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 This report seeks approval from the Moray Council for an increase of one, in their voting membership on the MIJB.

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