



REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – PROPOSED INCREASE

BY: INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To consider and approve the proposal for the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) to request an increase of one voting member from each party, being Moray Council and Grampian Health Board .

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The MIJB are requested to;

2.1.1 consider and approve the proposal for an increase in the Board's membership, and

2.1.2 instruct the Interim Chief Officer to submit this request to the partner organisations.

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 Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) is a legal entity that binds Grampian Health Board (GHB) and Moray Council together in a joint arrangement. The voting membership of the MIJB reflects equal participation by GHB 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 GHB 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 Chair and Chief Officer propose that the number of voting members be increased by one from each partner organisation.
- 4.6 An increase in voting members, if approved by Moray Council and GHB, would require an amendment to section 3.1 of the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme that was previously agreed by the Board 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)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning "Moray Partners in Care 2019-2029"

In line with the MIJB Integration Scheme, prepared in line with the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Effective governance arrangements support the delivery of strategic plans, and an increase in voting membership of the IJB will strengthen that governance.

(b) Policy and Legal

Complies with the terms of the Integration Scheme.

(c) Financial implications

None arising directly from this report.

(d) Risk Implications and Mitigation

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, the Interim Chief Officer; and Democratic Services Manager, Moray Council, who are in agreement with the report where it relates to their area of responsibility.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 This report seeks approval to request the appointment of an additional voting member from each of the parties, being Moray Council and Grampian Health Board.

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Background Papers: with author
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