

# MORAY COUNCIL

## Minute of Special Meeting of the Moray Integration Joint Board

Thursday, 26 October 2023

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

### **PRESENT**

Mr Ivan Augustus, Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Mr Simon Bokor-Ingram, Mr Sean Coady, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Ms Sonya Duncan, Councillor Scott Lawrence, Mr Derick Murray, Ms Deborah O'Shea, Mr Sandy Riddell, Dr Malcolm Simmons, Councillor Ben Williams

### **APOLOGIES**

Professor Duff Bruce, Mr Roddy Burns, Ms Jane Ewen, Mr Stuart Falconer, Mr Graham Hilditch, Professor Caroline Hiscox, Dr Robert Lockhart, Mr Dennis Robertson, Ms Elizabeth Robinson, Dr Paul Southworth, Ms Tracy Stephen, Mr Kevin Todd

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Public Sector Audit Director - Scotland, Grant Thornton UK LLP, Caroline O'Connor, Committee Services Officer and Lissa Rowan, Committee Services Officer.

#### **1. Chair**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Tracy Colyer.

#### **2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Board joined the Chair in welcoming Councillor Ben Williams, who was replacing Councillor John Divers, to his first meeting of the Board.

#### **3. Declaration of Member's Interests**

The Board noted there were no declarations of member's interests.

#### **4. External Auditors Report to Those Charged with Governance**

The meeting had before it a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Board consider the reports to those charged with governance from the Board's External Auditor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Councillor Bloomfield asked in relation to the wider scope and given that the Council is responsible for a large portion of the deficit, what is being done to reduce the deficit in the audit. In addition, he asked for clarification on what steps are being taken to upscale the pace of transformation in the audit recommendations and sought assurance that NHS Grampian would strengthen their reporting process. In response to the question regarding the deficit, the Chief Officer advised a similar question had been asked at the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) Audit & Performance Review (APR) Committee held prior to the Board. The Chief Officer acknowledged the deficit

related to a historical annual structural budget deficit from implementation of the Integration with inflationary costs since and is now compounded with the huge pressures facing both funding partners, namely NHS Grampian and Council. He noted there required to be a focus on joint programme efficiencies and further work requires to be undertaken to achieve savings. In response to the question regarding monitoring the pace of transformation and NHS Grampian audits being shared with the Board/APR Committee, Councillor Lawrence, as Chair of APR Committee, confirmed both had been discussed at the APR Committee meeting held prior to the Board and the Internal Auditor had provided assurance work was progressing to provide a resolution to both matters.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the reports from the External Auditor within Appendices 1 and 2.

## **5. 2022-23 Audited Annual Accounts Report**

The meeting had before it a report by the Chief Financial Officer submitting to the Board the Audited Annual Accounts for the year then ended 31 March 2023.

Following consideration the Board agreed to approve the Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2022/23 and the letter of Representation.

## **6. Membership of Board and Committees**

The meeting had before it a report by the Corporate Manager informing the Board of changes to Membership of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB), Audit, Performance and Risk Committee and Clinical and Care Governance Committee (CCG).

Following consideration the Board noted:-

- i. the confirmation of appointment of a new member to the MIJB following changes to Moray Council's committee appointments;
- ii. the vacancies in National Health Service (NHS) voting membership and Service User Stakeholder position; and
- iii. the updated membership of Board and Committees attached at Appendix 1.