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**REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 30 JUNE 2021**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: APPROVED MINUTES OF MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**BY: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MORAY**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Council of the latest approved minutes of the meetings of the Moray Integration Joint Board.
- 1.2 This report is submitted under Section II (22) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB).

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The MIJB was established on 6 February 2016 under the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 with full delegation of functions and resources to enable integration of primary and community health and social care services effective from 1 April 2016. The MIJB is a separate legal organisation and acts as principal in its own right.

The principal ambitions of health and social care integration are to:

- Support the improvement of the quality and consistency of services for patients, carers, service-users and their families.
  - Provide seamless, joined-up quality health and social care services in order to care for people in their homes or a homely setting where it is safe to do so.
  - Ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver services.
- 2.2 Approved minutes from the MIJB meetings held on 28 January 2021 and 25 March 2021 which were accepted as correct records of the meetings on 25 March 2021 and 27 May 2021, respectively, can be found here: <https://moray.cmis.uk.com/moray/CouncilandGovernance/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMISCommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/18/Default.aspx> . A few key highlights from these meetings for the Moray Council to note were, the MIJB:

## **28 January 2021**

- Noted the permanent appointment of Mr Bokor-Ingram as Chief Officer, Moray.
- Agreed that transforming services to meet with aspirations of the MIJB's Strategic Plan remains a priority, with a temporary focus on a narrow set of objectives being a necessity in response to the covid pandemic.
- Noted the approval for additional voting members from each partner organisation and instructed the Chief Officer to conduct a consultation exercise and follow due process, to present this amendment to the Scottish Government for ratification.
- Approved the updated Learning Disability (LD) Strategy and agreed that the LD services with the LD Forum develop an Implementation Plan based on the 6 Improvement Themes set out in the strategy and linked to the priorities set out in the MIJB's Strategic Plan.
- Agreed housing projects, detailed in a report by Interim Service Manager for LD, as approved and funded by the Scottish Government in accordance with Moray Council Housing Strategy and Moray Housing Need and Demand Assessment document are utilised for people with LD. It was agreed that in-house support services should be utilised initially for people who exhibit the highest level of challenging behaviour.
- Noted the progress towards delivering the identified aims for Home First in Moray and confirmed that this programme should remain a priority activity to meet the objectives of the MIJB Strategic Plan. Further reports will be brought to the MIJB as specific decisions are required.
- Noted the position of HSCM in retaining and continuing the use of Jubilee Cottages, Elgin and instructed the Chief Officer to seek approval of Moray Council's Policy and Resources Committee (or equivalent) to progress an amendment to the Trust Deed.
- Approved the draft HSCM Governance Framework, noting the framework will be reviewed on a regular basis and updates provided to the MIJB on any proposed significant amendments.
- Noted the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer annual report for 2019-20.

## **25 March 2021**

- Welcomed Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya to his first meeting of the Board. Professor Bhattacharya and Councillor Divers were recently appointed as additional members to the Board but until their appointments have been approved by the Scottish Government they will be unable to vote on any items should the need arise.
- Acknowledged the significant efforts of staff, across in-house providers, externally commissioned services, the Independent and Third Sector, who are supporting the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the drive to create resilience and sustainability through positive change.
- Agreed to note the financial position of the Board as at 31 December 2020 is showing an overspend of £584,491 on core services and the provisional forecast position for 2020/21 of an underspend of £36,073 on total budget.
- Noted the progress against the recovery and transformation plan and the support that has now been confirmed through Scottish Government Covid funding surrounding the underachievement of savings.

- Approved for issue, the Direction arising from the updated budget position shown.
- Noted the recommendations made in the Prescribing Budget requirements paper with regards to volume costs, risks and the net predicted budget resource requirements for 2021-22.
- Noted the funding allocations proposed by NHS Grampian and Moray Council.
- Formally approved the revenue budget for 2021/22 and agreed for issue the Directions to Moray Council and NHS Grampian.
- Agreed to scale up the Discharge to Assess (D2A) team and secure permanent funding in order to continue to support patients, flow and capacity within the health and social care system. This will be achieved through the commitment from MIJB to disinvest at the same level elsewhere in the system and will be identified ahead of the 2022-23 budget.
- Agreed the plan for commissioning an outcome-based care at home service and noted the indicative timeline for delivery of an alternative model for commissioning care at home. The Board requested an update in 6 months' time.
- Agreed the approach, led by NHS Grampian for the application of the Whistleblowing Standards across all staff groups, contractors and external providers be undertaken in a phased basis. The Board approved the proposed implementation plan.
- The Board noted further discussions and consultation would be held with Moray Council HR Officers and trade unions to more fully consider the implications and management of NHS Whistleblowing Standards for Moray Council employees and links to existing policy. Discussions have been held with Council HR and it has been confirmed that the NHS Standards can be considered to be a statutory reporting procedure applying to Health and Social Care Moray and it sits within the overall umbrella of the Council's existing policy for Confidential Reporting.

### **3. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

This report forms part of the governance arrangements of MIJB; good governance arrangements will support the Board to fulfil its objectives.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

There are no policy or legal implications associated with this report.

**(c) Financial implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**(d) Risk Implications**

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

**(f) Property**

There are no property implications arising from this report.

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required as there is no change to policy and procedures resulting from this report.

**(h) Consultations**

Consultation on this report has taken place with Corporate Manager, Health and Social Care Moray, Katrina McGillivray, Senior HR adviser and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer, who are in agreement with the content in relation to their area of responsibility.

**4. CONCLUSION**

**4.1 This report provides a summary of the business addressed by the MIJB at their meetings 28 January 2021 and 25 March 2021.**

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Background Papers: available online  
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