



REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 10 NOVEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
UPDATED INTEGRATION SCHEME**

BY: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MORAY

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Council approve the minor updates to the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) Integration Scheme requested by the Scottish Government.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee 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 asked to consider and approve the updated MIJB Integration Scheme at Appendix 1.**

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 (NHSG) and Moray Council together in a joint arrangement. The voting membership of the MIJB reflects equal participation by NHSG and Moray Council to ensure that there is joint decision making and accountability.
- 3.3 To provide greater resilience and wider scrutiny across MIJB committees the MIJB Chair and, at that time, Interim Chief Officer proposed that the number of voting members be increased by one from each partner organisation from 3 to 4 members. This proposal was presented to MIJB on 24 September 2020 (para 13 refers) in a report that also outlined that if an increase in voting members was approved by the Council and NHS Grampian, it 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 refers).

- 3.4 MIJB agreed to progress the proposal and subsequently a report was submitted to the Council 28 October 2020 (para 13 refers) where the recommendation to provide an additional voting member for the MIJB was agreed.
- 3.5 NHS Grampian were presented with the same proposal in December 2020 and the recommendation to provide an additional voting member for the MIJB was agreed.
- 3.6 Public consultation was undertaken in accordance with statutory guidance and there were no comments or issues raised.
- 3.7 Following approval from MIJB, Moray Council, NHS Grampian and appropriate consultation the request for an amendment to section 3.1 was submitted to the Scottish Government for ratification 10 May 2021.
- 3.8 On 9 June 2021 a response was received advising the view from Scottish Government was that this should be viewed as a successor scheme, which therefore requires review and approval by Scottish Ministers. In their response they provided comments on areas that they wished further clarification of definitions, grammar adjustments and queries around aspects that were written in the 2016 or 2018 revisions that were time limited and needing updating or removing.
- 3.9 The appendix to this report shows the amendments, through tracked changes, that have been made.
- 3.10 This revised version being submitted to the Council, was presented to NHS Grampian on 7 October 2021 and will be put out for public consultation again thereafter. Following this and once there is approval from all parties it will be submitted to Scottish Government for ratification.

4. 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

None arising directly from this report.

(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 Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Social Care) and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer both Moray Council and the Chief Financial Officer, Health and Social Care Moray, who are in agreement with the report where it relates to their area of responsibility.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 This report seeks approval of the updated MIJB Integration Scheme from Moray Council.

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