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**REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 28 JANUARY 2021**

**SUBJECT: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – INCREASE OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

**BY: INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Board of the outcome of the request for additional voting members to be appointed to Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) from each partner organisation (Moray Council and Grampian Health Board).

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 The MIJB are requested to;**

- i) note the approval for the additional voting members of the MIJB,**
- ii) approve the change to Section 3.1 of the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme set out in paragraph 4.5;**
- iii) instruct the Interim Chief Officer to conduct a consultation exercise and follow due process, to present this amendment to the Scottish Government for ratification, at the earliest opportunity, for the reasons stated in 4.6; and**
- iv) consider and agree the representation on Audit, Performance and Risk and Clinical Governance Committee as set out in 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 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. In terms of the approved Integration scheme, as reviewed in 2018, it was agreed that there would be 3 voting members from each organisation. The Health Board and Local Authority may agree that they will each nominate a larger number than this.
- 3.4 At the MIJB meeting on 24 September 2020 (para 13 of the minute refers), the Board agreed to instruct the Interim Chief Officer to submit a request to each partner organisation for one additional voting member from each party. It was agreed an increase in voting members, if approved by Moray Council and GHB, would provide greater resilience and wider scrutiny across MIJB and its committees.
- 3.5 In the reports to the partner organisations the following paragraph was included :-  
*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 MIJB at their meeting on 26 April 2018 (para 10 of the minute refers).*

#### **4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 A report was presented to Moray Council on 28 October 2020 to request an increase in voting membership to MIJB by one was unanimously agreed and the request to provide an additional member was approved (para 13 of the minute refers).
- 4.2 At the Special Meeting of Moray Council on 17 November 2020, it was agreed the additional voting member to MIJB is Councillor John Divers. Councillor Ryan Edwards was appointed as substitute member of the MIJB (para 5 of the minute refers).
- 4.3 A report was presented to the GHB on 3 December 2020 to request an increase in voting membership to MIJB by one. This was unanimously agreed however the minute has yet to be ratified so cannot be referenced. The representative from GHB has not yet been identified and will be notified in due course.
- 4.4 Following the agreement by the Moray Council and GHB to the amendment to the Integration Scheme it is necessary to follow due process, with a period of a 4 week consultation on the change prior to submission to the Scottish Government for ratification.
- 4.5 The consultation will be on the change to wording as follows:-

*“3.1 The arrangements for appointing the voting membership of the IJB in accordance with the IJB Order are as follows:-*

*3.1.1 The Council shall nominate ~~three~~ **four** councillors; and*

3.1.2 NHS Grampian shall nominate ~~three~~ **four** non-executive directors (if unable to do so then it must nominate a minimum of ~~two~~ **three** non-executive directors and one executive director).

- 4.6 The reasons for requesting additional members was to increase resilience and provide wider scrutiny across the Board and committees and the proposed membership of each is set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.7 It should be noted that the change of Chair for MIJB will take effect in April 2021.

## **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 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 sets out the changes in membership of the MIJB and its committees.**

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Background Papers: with author

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