

REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 1 July 2015

BY: Director of Health and Social Care

SUBJECT: Appointment of Chief Finance Officer

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report updates the East Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) on the proposals for the Section 95 Officer appointment.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is recommended to agree the proposals for the Section 95 officer appointment.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The regulations on membership of IJBs include the appointment of “the proper officer of the integration joint board appointed under section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(1)”.
- 3.2 The Director of Finance for NHS Lothian and the Section 95 Officers from East Lothian and Midlothian Councils have agreed the following proposals.
- 3.3 It is not felt that the role supporting East Lothian or Midlothian IJBs separately would require full-time input to either IJB.
- 3.4 It is also recognised that there are overlapping financial issues between East Lothian IJB and Midlothian IJB, for example in hospital services, drugs and alcohol, public protection and children’s services.
- 3.5 Therefore, there should a shared Section 95 Officer appointment between East Lothian and Midlothian IJBs.

- 3.6 A job description for this role is to be developed jointly by East Lothian Council, Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.
- 3.7 This will then be advertised within the three parties.
- 3.8 An update will be provided at the second IJB meeting on 27th August 2015.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommendations in this paper implement national legislation and regulations on the establishment on IJBs.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The recommendations in this paper will be implemented in line with the recruitment policies of East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian which have already been tested for equalities.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no immediate resource implications of this paper. Any resource implications of the outcome of the process will be highlighted in a future report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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