



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Provost L Broun-Lindsay (Convener)	Councillor N Hampshire
Councillor S Akhtar	Councillor W Innes
Councillor D Berry	Councillor M Libberton
Councillor S Brown	Councillor P MacKenzie
Councillor J Caldwell	Councillor F McAllister
Councillor S Currie	Councillor P McLennan
Councillor T Day	Councillor K McLeod
Councillor A Forrest	Councillor J McNeil
Councillor J Gillies	Councillor M Veitch
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor J Williamson
Councillor D Grant	

**Council Officials Present:**

Mrs A Leitch, Chief Executive  
Ms M Patterson, Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)  
and Monitoring Officer  
Mr A McCrorie, Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)  
Mr D Small, Director of East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership  
Mr D Proudfoot, Acting Head of Development  
Ms M Ferguson, Service Manager – Legal and Procurement  
Ms J McCabe, Senior Solicitor

**Visitors Present:**

None

**Clerk:**

Mrs L Gillingwater

**Apologies:**

Councillor J McMillan  
Councillor T Trotter

## 1. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION: EAST LoTHIAN INTEGRATION SCHEME – APPROVAL OF FINAL DRAFT

A report was submitted by the Director of Health and Social Care Partnership seeking approval for submission to the Scottish Government the East Lothian Integration Scheme, required to establish the East Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB).

**Declaration of Interest:** Councillor Grant declared an interest, as a non-executive director of NHS Lothian. He left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

The Director of the Health & Social Care Partnership, David Small, presented the report, advising that the consultation on the Integration Scheme had closed on 17 February. He drew attention to the main themes to emerge from the consultation, as well as highlighting additional health functions that would be delegated to the IJB. He pointed out that further work was required as regards the governance procedures, but noted that there would be no new committee required to oversee the IJB. Members were advised that, if approved, the Integration Scheme would be submitted to Scottish Ministers and it was expected that the IJB would be established in July/August 2015.

On behalf of the Council, the Provost thanked Mr Small and Joanne McCabe for their work in preparing the Integration Scheme.

Councillor Berry sought assurance that the establishment of the IJB would result in an improved working relationship between the Council and the NHS. Mr Small commented that the new arrangements would bring the Council and NHS together in planning health and social care services, and would break down barriers in the delivery of services involving the third/independent sectors.

In response to questions from Councillor Berry as regards scrutiny and accountability, Mr Small reiterated that there was no proposal to establish an additional oversight committee because this may be confusing; however, the terms of reference of existing scrutiny committees would be reviewed to ensure that there was a scrutiny and oversight role for the IJB and the Council. He added that the IJB did not have the power to employ staff, other than to the posts of Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer. As regards provision of certain services, such as those provided at Belhaven hospital, for example, he noted that the Council had responsibility for the provision of residential care, and that any proposals to make changes to such arrangements would require Council approval.

Councillor Currie asked how the issue of delayed discharge would be managed under the new arrangements. He also asked about the budget-setting process. Mr Small advised that the IJB would have to agree a strategic plan, which would include delayed discharge; the Shadow Board was already discussing this issue. As regards budget setting, he explained that the Council and NHS would retain responsibility for this, and the IJB would be given a budget to deal with delegated functions. This would have to be delivered in line with the strategic plan and within the approved budget. He recognised that this would be a complicated process but noted that the key task would be to maximise delivery and meet agreed outcomes. In relation to the equalities impact assessment, he advised of the need to support carers and care for people at home, and this would be a matter for the IJB to consider.

Councillor Goodfellow thanked the officers involved in preparing the Integration Scheme, and also those groups and individuals who responded to the consultation. He welcomed the progress made and believed that benefits of this new partnership arrangement could be realised.

Councillor Currie spoke of the importance of delivering improvements to services under the new partnership arrangement, and also of measuring those improvements. He welcomed the opportunity to deliver additional services within East Lothian and potential additional investment in frontline services.

Councillor Berry spoke in support of the integration of health and social care. However, he believed that some parts of the legislation were flawed and feared that a number of areas would be removed from democratic accountability.

**Decision**

The Council agreed:

- i. to approve the changes to the East Lothian Integration Scheme as a result of the consultation and further guidance;
- ii. to approve for submission to Scottish Ministers the East Lothian Integration Scheme (available in the Members' Library, Ref: 29/15, March 2015 Bulletin);
- iii. to delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to agree any amendments which may be required to be made to the East Lothian Integration Scheme as a result of comments by the Scottish Government made after the submission of the Scheme;
- iv. to note that NHS Lothian had approved the inclusion of School Nursing and Health Visiting within the health services being delegated; and
- v. to note that NHS Lothian had approved the submission of the East Lothian Integration Scheme.

Signed .....

Provost Ludovic Broun-Lindsay  
Convener of the Council