

REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 24 September 2015

BY: Chief Officer

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:

2.2 Note the process underway.

2.3 Agree to receive a report on the appointment at meeting to be held on 29th October 2015.

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 At its meeting on 1st July 2015 the East Lothian Integration Joint Board agreed that there should be a shared Section 95 Officer appointment between East Lothian and Midlothian IJBs.

3.3 A job description for this role has been developed jointly by East Lothian Council, Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.

3.4 This has been advertised as a secondment opportunity in the three parties.

3.5 Interviews will be held in early October 2015. The panel will comprise the Chair and Chief Officer of both Integration Joint Boards with advisory input from an existing Section 95 Officer or the NHS Board Director of Finance.

3.6 The outcome from the interview will be presented to the meeting on 29th October 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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