

REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 29 October 2015

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Appointment of Chief Finance Officer

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks the agreement of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) to the proposed appointment to the position of Chief Finance Officer.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is recommended to:
- 2.2 Agree the appointment of David King to the post of Chief Finance Officer.
- 2.3 Agree that the appointment is on a two year secondment basis subject to review before the end of the first year.

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 Interviews were held on 28th September 2015. The panel comprised the Chairs and Chief Officers of both Integration Joint Boards with advisory input from the Section 95 Officer from Midlothian Council.
- 3.4 The outcome from the interview is to unanimously recommend the appointment of David King of NHS Lothian. The appointment will be on a two year secondment basis and will be shared with Midlothian IJB.

- 3.5 The appointee will retain an operational role in NHS financial management as it relates to East and Midlothian NHS budgets.
- 3.6 It is proposed there should be a review of the arrangements before the end of the first year.

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 agreement on an operational role will be carefully monitored and included in the review.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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