



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 26 May 2016

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Membership of East Lothian Integration Joint Board

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report asks the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to agree that the Head of Adult and Children's Services should become a non-voting member of the IJB.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the IJB agree that the Head of Adult and Children's Services becomes a non-voting member.
- 2.2 That the IJB note the need to clarity of role when officers are advising the IJB.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The IJB membership was agreed at the first meeting of the IJB on 1 July 2015.
- 3.2 There are only two officer members of the IJB. The Chief Officer and the Chief Finance Officer.
- 3.3 All other officers are members in a professional advisory capacity (Chief Social Work Officer, Chief Nurse, Clinical Director, and Associate Medical Director).
- 3.4 However professional advisor members often find that they are expected to address operational and strategic issues at the IJB in light of their significant operational roles.
- 3.5 The IJB is aware that the revised management structure for the Health and Social Care Partnership has two Heads of Service. This was implemented on 1 April 2016. The Head of Access and Older People is the Chief Nurse who is a member of the IJB as a professional advisor.

- 3.6 It is proposed that, in order to ensure full operational and strategic support to the IJB and in order to aid scrutiny, the Head of Adult and Children’s Services should become a non-voting member of the IJB.
- 3.7 This will not affect any of the professional advisor members of the IJB.
- 3.8 However in order to ensure clarity of role professional advisor members of the IJB should be clear when they are speaking in professional advisory capacity and when in an operational capacity.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The regulations that support the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 indicate that:

“(8) Subject to paragraph (9), the integration joint board may appoint such additional members as it sees fit.” (Para 9 states that such additional members cannot be elected members of the Council or Non Executive Members of the NHS Board)

The IJB Scheme of Integration states that:

“3.1.3 Non-voting members of the Integration Joint Board will be appointed in accordance with article 3 of the Integration Joint Boards Order.” (this is quoted above)

Therefore the IJB is able to make this decision and there are no policy implications.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising immediately from this paper.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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