



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EAST LoTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

Voting Members Present:

Councillor S Akhtar
Mr M Ash
Councillor S Currie
Councillor J Goodfellow
Councillor D Grant
Mr A Joyce
Mr P Murray

Non-voting Members Present:

Ms F Duncan
Dr R Fairclough
Dr A Flapan
Mr D King
Ms A MacDonald
Mrs M McKay
Mr T Miller
Ms S Saunders
Mr D Small

ELC/NHS Officers Present:

Mr B Davies
Mr A Milne

Clerk:

Ms F Currie

Apologies:

Ms A Meiklejohn
Mr E Stark
Dr J Turvill
Mr A Wilson

Declarations of Interest:

None

Sederunt: Margaret McKay left the Chamber.

1. NON VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE EAST LoTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer of the IJB to ask the Board to agree the appointment of non voting members.

The Chair presented the report updating members on the outcome of the selection process for the positions of representatives of Carers, Independent Sector, Service Users and Third Sector. The Chair advised that Eliot Stark and Margaret McKay were being proposed for reappointment and that preferred candidates had been identified as representatives of the Independent Sector and Services Users. One of these individuals had yet to be contacted and a further update would be presented to the next meeting.

In response to a question from Councillor Goodfellow, the Chair confirmed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Keith Maloney for his service on the IJB.

Decision

The IJB agreed:

- (i) To the appointment of Eliot Stark to represent the Third Sector and Margaret McKay to represent Carers;
- (ii) To note that the Chair gave a verbal update on the appointment of representatives of the Independent Sector and Service Users at the meeting; and
- (iii) To staggered terms of appointment.

Sederunt: Margaret McKay returned to the Chamber.

2. MINUTES OF THE EAST LoTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD MEETING OF 28 APRIL 2016 (FOR APPROVAL)

The minutes of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board meeting of 28 April 2016 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 APRIL 2016

The following matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 28 April 2016 were discussed:

Uplift on care home rates paid by the Council – David Small provided an update on this issue which had been raised by Maureen Allan at the last meeting. Mr Small said he had e-mailed members following the meeting to confirm that the IJB did not have a responsibility for the rates paid by the Council. He added that, as this issue related to one specific area and was not likely to undermine the service as a whole; it was not a material consideration for the IJB.

Finance Strategy – Peter Murray referred to the work he was undertaking with Professor Mitchell and the Chair of NHS Lothian and suggested he discuss with

Mr Small the possibility of arranging a development session for IJB members. Mr Small agreed to liaise with him over potential dates.

The Chair advised that there would be two additional items of business to be considered at the end of the public section of the meeting.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair raised the issue of community justice. He advised members that due to a change in legislation the Lothian Community Justice Authority would shortly be replaced by multi-disciplinary approach within each individual local authority area. As chair of the IJB, he had been invited to sit on the new East Lothian Reoffending Board and the first meeting would take place towards the end of June 2016. He said he would provide a further update to members following this meeting and that community justice might be a suitable topic for a future development session.

5. EAST Lothian COMMUNITY HOSPITAL UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer to ask the IJB to note and discuss the current position with the East Lothian Community Hospital development.

Mr Small presented the report outlining the key issues for discussion. He then invited Andrew Milne to provide members with a more detailed review of the current position.

Mr Milne advised members that the NHS Lothian Finance and Resources Committee had recently agreed key aspects of the project and the Outline Business Case (OBC) would be presented to the IJB in June 2016. In the meantime, he provided a summary of progress on key areas including the review of surgical services, bed numbers, decant options and key risks to the project.

A lengthy debate followed during which members discussed a number of points including the reasons for the revenue gap and the financial implications for the IJB, the costs and benefits of the various decant options during the construction phase, overall bed numbers and the implications of the decision to opt for an endoscopy and minor surgery service. Members expressed particular concerns about the financial shortfall and the likely impact on timescales for completion of the project and the level and quality of services. They sought advice on the possibility of Section 75 contributions to the cost of the project, given the likely increase in East Lothian's population as a result of proposed house building over the coming years. They also raised the questions of workforce planning and public engagement.

Mike Ash observed that there was no perfect solution to the issue of decant but that he favoured any option which would keep patients as close to home as possible. He indicated that there may be a risk of reputational damage should decant involve patients being moved out with East Lothian.

Councillor Currie commented that this paper was a hugely positive step forward and the IJB should do as much as it could to ensure that the project continued to move forward. He welcomed clarification of the issues around surgical services and the proposals to repatriate patients to East Lothian. However, on the matter of decant options, while he acknowledged the issues involved he said he would prefer East Lothian solutions to East Lothian problems.

The Chair thanked members for their contributions to a very useful debate. He agreed that there needed to be an answer to the revenue gap and that the IJB required further advice on this point. He looked forward to future updates on the project.

Decision

The IJB agreed to note the update on progress and discussed key issues including the revenue gap.

6. FINANCIAL ASSURANCE - UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Finance Officer to update the Board on the current position with the financial assurance process and other matters arising from the report to the Board at its meeting on 31 March 2016.

David King presented the report referring to the actions outstanding from the report presented on 31 March and outlining the current position. He summarised actions in relation to the 2016/17 financial assurance process, setting a financial baseline, financial management and reporting, financial risk sharing agreements and financial planning for 2017/18 and beyond. Mr King advised members that finalisation of the 2016/17 financial assurance process would be presented to the IJB's Audit & Risk Committee and thereafter the IJB at the end of the first quarter of 2016/17.

Mr King responded to questions from members on set aside, risk sharing agreements, specific budget pressures and efficiency savings.

Mr Ash expressed disappointment at the lack of finalised budget information being provided by NHS Lothian and urged the Section 95 Officer to make clear to partners that this information must be provided to allow the IJB to do its job. He looked forward to receiving regular updates.

Councillor Currie also expressed concern stating that, without this baseline financial information, the IJB had no way of monitoring performance on the delivery of services and efficiency savings. He did not accept the view that 'we will get back to you soon' and felt that more needed to be done to ensure that the required information was provided without delay.

Mr Murray concurred with Councillor Currie's remarks and asked where the East Lothian IJB sat in relation to progress made by other IJBs.

Mr King advised that, from his conversations with officers in other areas, the IJBs within the Lothians appeared to be further advanced than many IJBs. While he understood their concerns he assured members that NHS Lothian had cooperated as far as possible but he would continue to press them for the information required by the IJB.

Decision

The IJB agreed to note the contents of the report.

7. 2015/16 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Finance Officer of the IJB to update the Board on the current position with the preparation of the IJB's annual accounts for 2015/16.

Mr King presented the report reminding members that the IJB was required to prepare accounts in line with legislation. He outlined the procedures and timetable for the production of the 2015/16 accounts.

Decision

The IJB agreed:

- (i) To note the contents of this report;
- (ii) The draft annual accounts would be accepted by the IJB's Audit & Risk Committee at their meeting on 21 June 2016; and
- (iii) To consider the IJB's audited annual accounts for 2015/16 at its meeting on 24 September 2016.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF EAST LoTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer of the IJB to ask the Board to note the change to the East Lothian Council membership of the Strategic Planning Group.

Mr Small presented the report outlining the background and reasons for the change in membership.

Decision

The IJB agreed to note that the East Lothian Council member of the Strategic Planning Group has changed to be the Service Manager Resources and that this may change again once a new management structure is in place.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Joint Inspection of the Health and Council Service Older People in East Lothian

Mrs McKay asked if feedback from the inspection could be added to the agenda of a future meeting of the IJB.

Alison MacDonald provided a brief update for members indicating that the process had been positive and the feedback encouraging. The results of the inspection gave scorings of 6 'adequate' and 4 'good' and the resulting actions would be incorporated into an improvement plan to be presented at a future meeting of the IJB.

Closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland Branch in Prestonpans

Councillor Goodfellow wished to raise the issue of the forthcoming closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) branch in Prestonpans. He expressed concern that this would leave many elderly and vulnerable members of the local community without access to a bank. He asked whether it would be competent for the IJB to raise this matter with senior management at RBS and ask them to defer their decision to allow discussion with East Lothian Council.

While he understood Councillor Goodfellow's concerns, Mr Small was of the view that this issue sat on the very boundary of IJB competence. The Chair agreed but indicated that, subject to members' approval, he would be willing to write to RBS to advise that the

issue had been raised and concerns expressed. The members agreed to this course of action.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

A private briefing was given by Bryan Davies on the topic of developing specialist support and Care at Home Services. It was agreed that a further update would be presented to the IJB at its meeting in September 2016.

Signed

Councillor Donald Grant
Chair of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board