



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 22 March 2018

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Directions 2018/19

1 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides an update on the IJB's programme for issuing directions to its partners for 2018/19.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The IJB is asked to:-

- Agree to postpone the issuing of the 2018/19 directions to the IJB's partners
- Agree to a development session and business meeting on 26th April 2018 to discuss and agree a set of directions for 2018/19
- Ask the Chief Officer to inform the partners of this position and to instruct that the current directions will remain extant until superseded.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Directions are a key part of the delivery of the IJB's Strategic Plan. The directions – made to the partners, East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian – are the mechanism by which the IJB delivers (in operational terms) the functions that have been delegated to the IJB in line with the approach and principles laid out in the IJB's Strategic Plan.

3.2 The IJB has a policy on directions, which (simply) lays out:-

- That directions will be issued prior to the beginning of the financial year
- That all directions will be approved by the IJB.

- That Directions will be issued to the partners by the Chief Officer on behalf of the IJB
- 3.3 A great deal of preparatory work to develop the 18/19 directions has been undertaken, but there is a concern that the totality of the planning circle has not been fully completed and as the directions seek further and more challenging changes to the current service delivery model that the IJB requires further time to consider this.
- 3.4 Appendix 1 lays out – at a high level – the steps and element of the planning cycle and it can be seen that the directions are produced from the financial plan and as a result of the development of the delivery plan. The ‘control loop’ is then closed through the performance management and a reflection of the delivery of the directions and this continues to be developed and the IJB has already received reports on this work.
- 3.5 It is therefore proposed that a development session/business meeting is held on 26th April to discuss in detail and agree the 18/19 directions and to ensure that the directions are fully developed in partnership and that the IJB can be assured that they will support the delivery of the IJB’s Strategic Plan.

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 The IJB’s meetings are held in public and the IJB’s paper are accessible on-line.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no further policy implications arising from this paper

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Financial – none
- 7.2 Personnel – none
- 7.3 Other – none

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Quarterly reporting reports to the IJB

Appendix

IJB – Planning cycle

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