



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EAST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024
SALTIRE ROOMS, JOHN MUIR HOUSE, HADDINGTON

Voting Members Present:

Councillor S Akhtar (Chair)
Dr P Cantley
Mr A Cogan
Councillor J Findlay
Councillor L Jardine
Councillor C McFarlane

Non-voting Members Present:

Ms M Allan	Mr D Binnie
Ms L Byrne	Dr P Conaglen
Ms S Gossner	Dr J Hardman
Mr D Hood	Mr D King
Ms C McDonald	Ms M McNeill
Ms F Wilson	

Present from NHS Lothian/East Lothian Council:

Ms L Berry	Mr P Currie
Ms J Jarvis	Ms L Kerr
Mr A Main	Ms G Neill
Mr G Whitehead	

Clerk:

Mr N Munro

Apologies:

Ms E Gordon
Ms F Ireland

Declarations of Interest:

None

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular, Dr Patricia Cantley (NHS Lothian Non-Executive Board Member).

David Hood provided clarity that a budget recovery group would be setup in relation to the delivery of the savings, barriers and obstacles which will be fed into financial reporting to the IJB throughout the year.

The Chair noted the importance of closer working with partners in the community throughout the year and working collaboratively to ensure engagement and conversations have taken place prior to the next financial year's budget setting.

1. REVISED IJB FIVE YEAR PLAN – 2024/25 TO 2028/29

A report was submitted by the Interim Chief Finance Officer presenting a further iteration of East Lothian IJB's five-year financial plan for the years 2024/25 to 2028/29, reflecting on further financial planning information provided by the IJB's partners, and including the financial recovery actions agreed as part of the IJB's 2024/25 budget setting.

David King presented the report providing a summary of the detail in the paper and invited questions and comments from members.

The Chair noted that work had started with NHS Lothian regarding the set aside figures and how these impacted on the Strategic Plan. She asked whether the figures used for 2024/25 were the same as those from the March meeting paper.

Mr King confirmed the figures used were the latest available and used the same methodology (Hybrid approach) as that from the December meeting, as it was important to show the financial challenges.

The Chair then asked if these were the most accurate figures for 2023/24. Mr King confirmed that the most accurate figures would be provided next week, and these would be brought back to the next IJB meeting.

Marilyn McNeil noted that the ability to break even in 2025/26 would be very difficult and the expectation for the IJB to achieve this. Mr King noted that East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian were facing the same difficulties in meeting the financial challenges ahead.

The Chair made the point that the IJB must ensure that it was able to properly fund the delivery of the Strategic Plan.

A vote was taken via roll call and the recommendations were approved unanimously.

Decision

The IJB agreed to:

- (i) Note the five-year plan update.
- (ii) Support the work to ensure that the financial plan aligns with the IJB's Strategic Plan.
- (iii) Support the work to deliver a balanced five-year financial plan.

2. EAST Lothian INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2028

A report was submitted by Chief Officer presenting the draft *East Lothian Independent Advocacy Strategic Plan 2024-2028* to members for approval.

Andrew Main presented the report providing a summary of the key points and invited questions from members.

Councillor Lyn Jardine raised concern in relation to the impact that would come through from Children's Services. Lindsey Byrne noted that Children's Services were looking to expand the advocacy service available to children and were currently in the process of commissioning these services. She added that East Lothian Council was doing everything it could to be responsive and proportionate.

Councillor Jeremy Findlay asked where the information regarding the demographic areas of deprivation came from, as there were several deprived areas within his ward in North Berwick that were not present. Mr Main advised that the information used was from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) [weblink: [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultation-papers/collections/documents/Scottish-Index-of-Multiple-Deprivation-2020.pdf)]

The Chair asked if it would be possible to work with other partners to bring in further opportunities and make use of other resources given the demographics. Mr Main said he would welcome any opportunities to work with other organisations.

A vote was taken via roll call and the recommendations were approved unanimously.

Decision

The IJB agreed to:

- (i) Consider and approve the *East Lothian Independent Advocacy Strategic Plan 2024-2028*.
- (ii) Note that the draft plan had also been shared with East Lothian Council colleagues (Lindsey Byrne – Chief Social Work Officer / Head of Children's Services and Lesley Brown – Executive Director for Education and Children's Services) who would refer it to appropriate governance groups for approval.

3. MARKET FACILITATION STATEMENT 2023-2025

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer presenting the draft Market Facilitation Statement to members for their consideration and approval.

Mr Main presented the report providing a summary of the key points and invited questions from members.

Councillor Jardine commented that for future strategic plans it might be useful to look at the content of East Lothian Council's Local Economy Strategy.

A vote was taken via roll call and the recommendations were approved unanimously.

Decision

The IJB agreed to:

- (i) Review the Market Facilitation Statement and approve it for publication.

- (ii) Note that the Market Facilitation Statement was considered and approved by the IJB Commissioning Board on 31st January 2024.

4. PLANNING OLDER PEOPLE’S SERVICES UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer providing members with a progress update related to the *Planning Older People’s Services* project.

Mr Main presented the providing a summary of key points and invited questions from members.

Councillor Carol McFarlane asked whether the large number of suggestions put forward would be be whittled down. Mr Main confirmed that, from the original 314 suggestions received, a short list of 61 options were currently being modelled and would be whittled down to around 5 following the options appraisal.

The Chair noted a paper presented to NHS Lothian regarding early intervention and prevention and not to lose sight of this in the work that was being done. Mr Main confirmed that long term viability would form part of the modelling and would be part of the options taken forward. The project team could introduce new considerations for early intervention and prevention.

Decision

The IJB agreed to note the content of the report.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Signed

Councillor Shamin Akhtar
Chair of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board