



**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Integration Joint Board

**MEETING DATE:** 19 December 2024

**BY:** Chief Officer

**SUBJECT:** Confirmation of Interim Chief Finance Officer Appointment

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report informs the Integration Joint Board (IJB) of the interim appointment to the vacant Chief Finance Officer (CFO) position.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The IJB is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the appointment of Mike Porteous on an interim arrangement as East Lothian IJB Chief Finance Officer until such time as a permanent postholder is appointed.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The IJB is a public body arising from the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014 and is a Section 106 body under the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. As such (under s95 of that Act) it must have a responsible officer - a Chief Finance Officer, overseeing the financial governance of the Board.
- 3.2 With the departure of the previous Chief Finance Officer in September 2023, interim arrangements covered the vacancy on a 3 day a week flexible basis, split between East Lothian IJB and Midlothian IJB.
- 3.3 The current interim arrangements for the East Lothian IJB CFO ended on 6<sup>th</sup> December with the departure of the post holder. Following consultation with NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council, Mr Porteous was nominated to fill the CFO position on an interim and 1.0 WTE basis. This arrangement will continue until a substantive appointment is made.

## **4 ENGAGEMENT**

- 4.1 NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council have been consulted with through their senior management teams. Both organisations support the interim appointment.

## **5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no policy implications arising from the proposal.

## **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 DIRECTIONS**

7.1 The subject of this report does not affect the IJB's current directions or require an additional direction to be put in place.

## **8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 Financial - None.

8.2 Personnel - None.

8.3 Other - None.

## **9 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014.

9.2 The Revised East Lothian Integration Scheme 2022.

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