



Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

10.00am, Tuesday 21 March 2023

Held remotely by video conference

Present:

Board Members:

Councillor Tim Pogson (Chair), Angus McCann (Vice-Chair), Bridie Ashrowan, Robin Balfour, Heather Cameron, Councillor Euan Davidson, Christine Farquhar, Helen Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon, Ruth Hendery, Kirsten Hey, Peter Knight, Jacqui Macrae, Grant Macrae, Councillor Claire Miller, Councillor Max Mitchell, Allister McKillop, Peter Murray, Councillor Vicky Nicolson, Moira Pringle and Judith Proctor.

Officers: Jessica Brown

1. Minutes

The minute of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of 28 February 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

Decision

To approve the minute as a correct record.

2. Savings and Recovery Programme 2023-2024

The proposed 2023-2024 Savings and Recovery Programme was submitted to the Board for consideration. The Programme had been developed in tandem with the medium term financial strategy for the Integration Joint Board.

Engagement had taken place with stakeholders across the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, Council, NHS Lothian, elected members and third sector partners.

Within the Savings and Recovery Programme there were 12 savings projects and proposals which had been identified. Assuming the proposals were approved in full, a savings gap of £35.55m would still remain.

Decision

- 1) To agree proposals 8 to 12 which formed the Savings and Recovery Programme for 2023-2024 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report by the Chief Finance Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.
- 2) To agree the proposed plan to review and finalise Integrated Impact Assessments for individual projects and the programme as set out in appendix 4 of the report.

(Reference – report by the Chief Finance Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, submitted)

Declaration of Interests

Grant Macrae declared a non-financial interest as he had a family member in receipt of Self-Directed Support, as a Board Member of St Columba's Hospice Care and as a Board Member of the Scottish Police Authority.

Christine Farquhar made a transparency statement as the carer of a person in receipt of a direct payment from the City of Edinburgh Council.

Bridie Ashrowan made a transparency statement as she was the Chief Executive of EVOC which received funding from the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership.

3. 2023-2024 Financial Plan

The draft 2023-2024 Financial Plan for the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board was presented. The Financial Plan incorporated the latest available information including the budgets from the Board's partners and compared these to projected costs based on the current forecast outturn, anticipated growth and assumptions around additional resources.

To address the projected financial shortfall over a 3-year period, a medium-term financial strategy was being developed. This would set out a range of initiatives, aligned wherever possible to the Board's strategic plan which, over time, would support financial balance. Delivering a plan of this complexity would require appropriate resource.

To bridge this gap, an initial in-year savings and recovery programme had been presented to the Board. However, even with this, the modelling indicated that delivering financial balance by the end of the year was not achievable without negative impact on outcomes for people and performance more generally.

This position had been the subject of tripartite talks with partners. All involved in these discussions recognised and accepted a number of complex inter-related factors, namely, the ongoing improvements in performance, the likely increased demand for services as the IJB emerged from the Covid pandemic and the IJB's structural deficit and inflation price pressures.

In this context, partners were supportive of the proposed approach and committed to working with IJB officers to bridge the financial gap as the year progressed.

Proposal

- 1) To note the 2023/24 budget offers from the City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian and the resultant financial plan based on the revised delegated budgets, expenditure forecasts and proposed savings and recovery programme.
 - 2) To acknowledge the need for further development of the financial strategy.
 - 3) To agree to issue a direction to the City of Edinburgh Council for the uplifting of contracts in line with nationally agreed methodology if fully funded.
 - 4) To request that an updated financial strategy be returned to the next meeting of the EIJB that provides additional funding options or, if required, further savings to enable the EIJB to set a balanced budget as well as further detail that would allow the EIJB to approve a medium-term financial strategy.
- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Miller

Decision

To approve the proposal by Councillor Mitchell.

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