



Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

3.00pm, Tuesday 14 April 2020

Held remotely by video conference

Present:

Board Members:

Angus McCann (Chair), Councillor Ricky Henderson (Vice-Chair), Councillor Robert Aldridge, Mike Ash, Colin Beck, Andrew Coull, Councillor Phil Doggart, Helen FitzGerald, Councillor George Gordon, Kirsten Hey, Martin Hill, Jackie Irvine, Councillor Melanie Main, Peter Murray, Moira Pringle, Judith Proctor, Ella Simpson and Richard Williams.

Officers: Ann Duff, Rachel Gentleman, Lauren Howie, Gavin King and Angela Ritchie.

Apologies: Christine Farquhar and Ian McKay.

1. Delegated Powers - Covid-19

The Board considered a report in relation to the Covid-19 emergency which sought approval to suspend meetings and delegate authority to the Chief Officer to take all urgent decisions.

The report advised that due to the outbreak, subsequent government advice and restrictions put in place and pressures on staff resource, alternative arrangements were required to be made for this period.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Board meeting to consider the budget would take place on 28 April 2020.
- 2) To agree that all other Board and committee meetings should be suspended until 30 June 2020, with a Board meeting to be scheduled in July 2020 to review the arrangements.

- 3) To delegate authority to the Chief Officer to take any urgent decision on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair, until the arrangements were reviewed by the Board in July 2020.
- 4) To agree that monthly conference calls would be held to provide members with updates and information on actions taken which were relevant to the IJB.
- 5) To agree that decisions which were considered politically sensitive should be reported to the Board.
- 6) To note that any directions which were currently sensitive could be published at a later date, or a restricted version could be made publicly available.
- 7) To note that the Chair and Chief Officer had weekly meetings and that the Chair would send a summary of any relevant updates to Board members following these.

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

2. Covid-19 Response

The Board resolved that the report be made publicly available, with the exception of the appendices, and that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined under Standing Order 5.9.

The report provided information on the actions taken by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership in response to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. A mobilisation plan had been prepared by NHS Lothian which set out actions to create capacity within hospitals and the community and manage with a predicted depletion in the workforce.

Decision

- 1) To homologate the agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chair to the IJB's element of the NHS Mobilisation Plan.
- 2) To issue the direction attached at appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Officer.
- 3) To note that the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, would oversee the operational implementation of the plan in line with authorities delegated through the NHS Lothian and Council arrangements.

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

Declarations of interest

Ella Simpson declared a non-financial interest in relation to the above item as EVOC was a potential recipient of funds for the third sector.
