

Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board



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Tuesday 12 December 2023

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present

Board Members

Katharina Kasper (Chair), Councillor Tim Pogson (Vice-Chair), Bridie Ashrowan, Robin Balfour, Councillor Euan Davidson, Christine Farquhar, Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon, Ruth Hendery, Kirsten Hey, Peter Knight, Jacqui Macrae, Allister McKillop, Peter Murray, Councillor Claire Miller, Councillor Max Mitchell, Councillor Vicky Nicolson, Moira Pringle, Emma Reynish, and Pat Togher

Officers

Angela Brydon, Hannah Cairns Sabrina Commons, Andrew Henderson, Massaro- Mallinson and Ryan Watson.

Apologies

Helen Fitzgerald and Rose Howley

Declarations of Interest

Bridie Ashrowan made a statement of transparency as the Chief Executive of EVOG, an organisation in direct receipt of funding from the Partnership.

Ruth Hendery made a statement of transparency as a Trustee of VOCAL, an organisation in direct receipt of funding from the Partnership.

1. Minutes

The minute of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of 16 November 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

Decision

To approve the minute as a correct record.

2. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log updated to November 2023 was presented.

Decision:

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 3 Finance Update
- 2) To agree that updates regarding the recruitment of the Chief Risk Officer are included as an additional action on the rolling actions log; and
- 3) To note the remaining outstanding actions

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log December 2023, submitted)

3. Annual Cycle of Business

The annual cycle of business was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree the updated annual cycle of business attached at appendix 1;
- 2) To agree that officers consider ways of improving governance, internal and external communication and pick up with members after the budget setting process in March; and
- 3) To agree that a report will be submitted on carers funding updating the board on how funding has been spent and activities in relation to carers reviews.

(Reference – Annual Cycle of Business, submitted)

4. Medium Term Financial Strategy Update: 2024/25-2026/27

An update on the medium-term financial strategy was presented with reference being made to the approach being taken to balance the plan.

The MTFs has been updated to reflect the latest available estimates of income and expenditure for the Integration Joint Board. Financial implications of recent increases in social care capacity, rising prescribing costs and risks around income are driving a higher budget deficit than previously identified.

The process to identify and develop savings and recovery proposals to bridge the financial gap is underway. As far as possible these will align with the improvement

and strategic plans. Despite this there is a risk that financial balance over the 3-year period of the MTFS is not achievable without significant negative impact on outcomes for people and performance more generally.

Officers will continue engagement with partners. All involved discussions recognise and accept several complex inter-related factors, namely: the ongoing improvements in performance; the likely increased demand for services as we emerge from the Covid pandemic; and the IJB's structural deficit and inflation price pressures.

Decision

- 1) To note the update on the Integration Joint Board's medium term financial strategy 2024/25-2026/27;
- 2) To note officers' ongoing engagement to ensure partners are briefed on the updated medium term financial strategy and potential implications;
- 3) To agree to engage proactively with funding partners throughout the budget-setting period regarding funding contributions, noting that the objective of a balanced budget can be achieved through a combination of both cost savings and increased funding for services;
- 4) To agree that the Chair and/or Chief Officer as appropriate will liaise with COSLA regarding distribution of contract uplift monies to ideally achieve full funding for the living wage in Edinburgh;
- 5) To agree that the Chair will correspond with Scottish Government ministers in advance of 19th December (Scottish Government draft budget publication) to outline the likely impact on recipients of health & social care services across Edinburgh with current funding limitations;
- 6) To note that while vacancies are predicted to continue, and this provides an element of offset to the financial challenges, that recruitment to reduce vacancies can also contribute to meeting the growth in service demand;
- 7) To note that reductions to spending on health & social care services may result in costs to other public sector or third sector services, and therefore asks that all proposals developed through the 'star chamber' process consider where effects are likely to emerge, either within or outwith EIJB services, to enable early internal and cross-sector liaison and informed decision making by the board;
- 8) To note the development of 3 year financial projections, providing the board with a more strategic view of the challenge, and invites officers to consider medium-term / multi-year initiatives during the process for developing savings; and
- 9) To note that the process for developing savings must be fully integrated with assessment of equalities impacts, which is not currently detailed within the approach, and that late impact assessments held back budget decisions in

2023 and therefore asks that officers document how this will be incorporated into the approach and inform the board as impact information becomes available.

(Reference – Report by Chief Finance Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board)

5. Appointments to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and Committees

The purpose of the report was to seek approval from the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board or the appointment of Mr Eugene Mullan as a citizen representative on the EIJB, and to consider the future approach regarding the number of carer and citizen/service user reps representatives going forward.

Decision

- 1) To appoint Eugene Mullan as a non-voting Citizen/Service User Representative on the EIJB, replacing Mr Grant Macrae;
- 2) To agree a more flexible approach, whereby the EIJB supports the minimum of one carer and one citizen/service user representative and supports increasing to six overall; and
- 3) To note that Ruth Hendery would continue as a non voting member of the EIJB on an interim basis until a suitable replacement can be found.

(Reference – Report by Chief Officer Edinburgh Integration Joint Board)

6. Committee Update Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board with an update on the business of the Committees covering October – November 2023.

Decision

- 1) To note the work of the Committees.

(Reference – Report by Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board)

9. Draft minute of the Performance and Delivery Committee of 29 November 2023

Decision:

To note the Draft minute of the Performance and Delivery Committee of 29 November 2023

(Reference - Draft minute of the Performance and Delivery Committee of 29 November 2023, submitted)

10. Valedictory Remarks

Decision

- 1) To note the boards' thanks to Christine Farquhar and Grant Macrae for their work as non voting members on the EIJB
- 2) To note the boards' thanks to Peter Murray for his work as a voting member on the EIJB