

Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board



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10am Friday 9 February 2024

Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers / Microsoft Teams - City Chambers

Present

Board Members

Katharina Kasper (Chair), Councillor Tim Pogson (Vice-Chair), Bridie Ashrowan (Item 1.1-6.1 and Item 7.1-9.5), Robin Balfour, Ian Brooke (Substituting Bridie Ashrowan (Item 6.2) Councillor Euan Davidson, Helen Fitzgerald, Andrew Flemming (Substituting Peter Knight), Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon, Ruth Hendry, Rose Howley, Jacqui Macrae, Allister McKillop, Councillor Max Mitchell, Eugene Mullan, Councillor Vicky Nicolson, Moira Pringle, Emma Reynish, and Pat Togher

Officers

Angela Brydon, Jacqueline Boyle, Hannah Cairns Sabrina Commons, James Cuthbert, Andrew Henderson, Matt Kennedy, Gavin King, Mike Massaro-Mallinson, Jamie Macrae, John McKee, Katie McWilliam.

Apologies

Philip Allenby

Declarations of Interest

Item 7.2 - Ruth Hendry made a declaration of interest in relation as a trustee of Vocal.

Bridie Ashrowan made a transparency statement in relation to EVOC being in receipt of funding from the health and Social Care partnership.

1. Deputations

a) Edinburgh Trade Union Council in relation to:

Item 11 Future Relationship between the EIJB and Partners

The deputation highlighted that the report did not provide an adequate response to the City of Edinburgh Council motion in how to deal with Edinburgh's ongoing health and social care crises and how financial transparency would be ensured for the future. The deputation acknowledged that both the Council and NHS are operating in an environment of financial pressure and expressed concern that the ambitious change program included as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy would result in poorer quality of care. The deputation agreed to the concept for a centre for research and highlighted the need for transparency and involvement from NHS Lothian and Scottish Government. The deputation further highlighted that engagement with Unions from third sector and private sector workers and not been undertaken.

Item 5 - An Older Peoples Pathway

The deputation highlighted that the report contained no measures as to how providers will deal with recruitment and retention of staff or improving the working conditions of front line workers. The deputation asked that the board consider the need to stop the process of implementing cuts and work together to secure Scottish Government investment to develop a health and social care service for the most vulnerable in communities.

b) UNISON

Item 5 - An Older Peoples Pathway

The deputation cautiously welcomed the older people's pathway however asked for written and public assurances to care workers, residents and families that there will be no job losses or increases to workload as a result of unfilled vacancies and asked for further written and public assurances that there will be no reduction in the quality of service and no reduction in the number of council run beds.

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The deputation highlighted that Trade Unions have previously not been invited to important meetings and data has been shared out of context but acknowledged the positive impact of the new Chief Officer in this regard. The deputation asked that the recommendations of the all-party motion must be enacted in their entirety.

2. Minutes

The minute of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of 12 December 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

Decision

To approve the minute as a correct record.

(Reference - minute of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of 12 December 2023, submitted)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log updated to November 2023 was presented.

Decision:

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - **Action 7 (1)** – Medium Term Financial Strategy Update: 2024/25-2026/27
 - **Action 7 (2)** – Medium Term Financial Strategy Update: 2024/25-2026/27
- 2) To note the remaining outstanding actions

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log February 2024, submitted)

4. Annual Cycle of Business

The annual cycle of business was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the update

(Reference – Annual Cycle of Business, submitted)

5. An Older People's Pathway

The findings and recommendations of the commissioning exercise directed by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board in June 2023 were presented. The findings and recommendations of this report were first presented at a Development Session of the IJB on 12 January 2024. Following this, it was considered at the Strategic Planning Group on 30 January 2024.

Decision

- 1) To agree to commission a costed proposal to open 40-50 new beds in 2024 in 2024 that will support people who would otherwise use hospital-based complex care;
- 2) To agree to commission a feasibility study to reopen Drumbrae as a care facility;
- 3) To agree to commission an independent study of the cost of intensive care home services;

- 4) To agree to commission a service specification and framework or prices, terms and conditions for intensive care services;
- 5) To agree to commission a business case for an enhanced 'Care Bookings' team;
- 6) To agree that officers issue the direction attached at Appendix 1 to extend the OPP commissioning exercise for a further 6 months; and
- 7) To agree that officers provide an update following the meeting with the Executive Team regarding the closure of Liberton at the meeting of the EIJB in March.

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

6. Health and Social Care Contribution to addressing the City's Housing Emergency

The report outlined the Councils response to the City's Housing Emergency and provided an update to the EIJB on the existing contribution of the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to homelessness pressures. Officers proposed that services provided by the Health and Social Care Partnership are reviewed to ensure that opportunities for collaborative and transformational change with our partners to meet the needs of people with complex needs of which homelessness is a significant factor are being maximised.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made and the plans underway to address the Housing Emergency;
- 2) To agree that the services identified should be reviewed to ensure opportunities are maximised, care pathways are improved, and that failure demand is minimised;
- 3) To agree that a senior officer from the EHSCP is identified to lead on this work working closely with Council Services and 3rd sector colleagues; and
- 4) To agree that the Chief Officer will provide an updated paper in 3 months detailing the HSCP interface with the Housing/Homelessness Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan. This report will further outline the limitations, pressures, and challenges in developing this work.

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

7. Finance update

An update on the financial performance of delegated services was. It was highlighted that following increased, demand driven costs in social care services, the level of assurance provided of a break-even position for 2023/24 has been reduced to limited.

Decision

- 1) To note the financial position for delegated services to 30th December 2023 and associated year end forecast;
- 2) To note the recovery plan designed to address the financial deficit by 31st March 2023;
- 3) To note the risks inherent in the recovery plan;
- 4) To agree, as part of the recovery plan, to use slippage in carers funding to offset the increased costs of replacement care;
- 5) To note that the recovery plan remains insufficient to deliver in year financial balance based on current projections; and
- 6) To note the limited assurance provided by the Chief Finance Officer.

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

9. Carers Finance

Details regarding how Carers Act funding is optimised to support carers in Edinburgh were provided. It was highlighted that this matter was escalated to EIJB following recent discussions at the Council, carer providers and the Chief Officer on how best to utilise unallocated funding for 2023-24, to optimise carer support in the context of the challenging fiscal position.

An overview of how carer support had been optimised through available carer act funds, to deliver against the Edinburgh Joint Carer Strategy. The report then highlighted the priority areas for development in 2024-25.

Proposal 1

The following proposal was moved by Katharina Kasper (Seconded by Councillor Pogson)

- 1) To note that Carer Act funding has been optimised; and
- 2) To note the position for the unallocated funding 2023-24, in parallel with the Chief Finance Officer's Report at this same Board meeting.

Proposal 2

The following proposal was moved by Councillor Nicolson (Seconded by Councillor Davidson)

- 1) To agree that a proportion of the unallocated Carer Funding of £382k is distributed to carer organisations as soon as possible, as requested in the initial motion;
- 2) To query the position for the unallocated funding 2023- 24, in parallel with the Chief Finance Officer's Report at this same Board meeting and requests £382k of the slippage funds be spend on direct grants, via carer organisations, to carers in order to alleviate pressure on those carers in greatest need, citing

findings from the recent Edinburgh Carer Survey, and the impact of previous Carer Assistance Fund as evidence of need and impact;

- 3) To note the use of the term 'replacement care' as outlined in Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Statutory Guidance is defined as 'care provided to the cared-for person, which replaces care normally given by the carer and which is provided as a form of support to the carer so the carer can have a break from caring. Further acknowledges, replacement care is not restricted to cared-for people who meet local social care eligibility (3.2.58 of 2016 Statutory Guidance); and
- 4) To note that the review of care packages in Edinburgh which aims to reduce support across the city, the proposed £1.2 million spend on 'replacement care' will not keep current care in place further impacting carers.

Voting

For Proposal 1 - 7 votes

For Proposal 2 - 1 vote

(For Proposal 1 – Councillor Davidson, Andrew Flemming, Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Pogson and Katharina Kasper.

For Proposal 2 – Councillor Nicolson)

Decision

- 1) To note that Carer Act funding has been optimised; and
- 2) To note the position for the unallocated funding 2023-24, in parallel with the Chief Finance Officer's Report at this same Board meeting.

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

10. Housing Based Support

The revised proposal to reduce the in-year financial deficit for 2023/24 was presented. The revised proposal focuses on a senior review of Housing Based Support currently delivered on a case-by-case basis over a concentrated time-frame.

Decision

To agree the revised proposal, which now focuses on a senior review of Housing Based Support currently delivered on a case-by-case basis over a concentrated timeframe.

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

11. Future Relationship between the EIJB and Partners

An overview of the All-Party motion presented to the City of Edinburgh Full Council on the 2 November 2023 was presented. The report identified several work streams that will address the points raised in the All-party motion.

Decision

- 1) To note the points raised within the City of Edinburgh Council All-Party motion;
- 2) To agree to proceed with the workstreams referenced at paragraph 13 of the report, especially the recommendation to review the EIJB governance structure; and
- 3) To agree to ask partners to commission an independent review to understand what spend within the Council budgets contribute positively to the NHS position and vice versa. This will address point 2a vii of the motion raised at Full Council.

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

12. Appointments to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

The purpose of this report was to inform the Board of changes to membership.

Decision

- 1) To note that NHS Lothian have agreed to appoint Phillip Allenby as a Voting member of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board with effect from the 1 February 2024; and
- 2) To note the vacancies listed at section 4 of the report and that efforts are ongoing to ensure these are filled.

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

13. 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 December – January 2024.

Decision

To note the work of the committees.

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

14. Minute of the Strategic Planning Group of 04 December 2023

Decision

To note the minute of the strategic planning group committee of 04 December 2023.

(Reference - Draft minute of the Clinical and Care Governance committee of 07 December 2023, submitted)

15. Draft minute of the Clinical and Care Governance committee of 07 December 2023

Decision

To note the draft minute of the Clinical and care Governance committee of 07 December 2023.

(Reference - Draft minute of the Clinical and Care Governance committee of 07 December 2023, submitted)

16. Draft minute of the Performance and Delivery committee of 24 January 2024

Decision

To note the Draft minute of the Performance and Delivery committee of 24 January 2024

(Reference - Performance and Delivery committee of 24 January 2024, submitted)

17. Draft minute of the Audit and Assurance committee of 13 December 2023

Decision

To note the draft minute of the Audit and Assurance committee of 13 December 2023.

(Reference - Draft minute of the Audit and Assurance committee of 13 December 2023, submitted)