

Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board



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10.00am, Tuesday 24 September 2024

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

Present:

Board Members

Katharina Kasper (Chair), Councillor Tim Pogson (Vice-Chair), Councillor Alan Beal, Robin Balfour, David Belfall, Hannah Cairns, Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon, Matt Kennedy, Peter Knight, Jacqui Macrae, Allister McKillop, Councillor Max Mitchell, Eugene Mullan, Councillor Alys Mumford, Councillor Vicky Nicolson, Moira Pringle, Pat Togher and Paul Wilson

Officers

Angela Brydon, Katie Fechan Andrew Hall and Andrew Henderson (Clerk)

Apologies

None

Declarations of Interest

None

1. Deputations

a) Edinburgh Trade Union Council

(In relation to item 4, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Annual Accounts for 2023/24)

The deputation acknowledged the legal obligation to attain a balanced budget and referenced the Audit Scotland report from July 2024 and made further reference to the conference held on Saturday the 14th of September 2024 outlining that a report would be published covering the outcomes later in the week. The deputation requested that the public must be provided with the information that is necessary to understand the impact of the financial savings in 23/24 and the projected impact to 24/25 and 25/26. The deputation asked that the EIJB, City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian Board to provide more information on rising demand, how it is planned to meet it and the consequences of not meeting it.

The deputation expressed concern that whilst Audit report covers all of Scotland, it was reflective of the EIJB's report and that current levels of service are already taking us in the opposite direction to your strategic priorities. The deputation highlighted that a lay person struggles to understand the report implications and asked for clarity and openness in presentation of information.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of Monday 20 August 2024 as a correct record

(Reference – minute of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of 20 August 2024, submitted)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log updated to September 2024 was presented.

Decision:

1) To note the outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log - September 2024, submitted)

4. Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Audited Annual Accounts for 2023/24

The audited 2023/24 annual accounts for Edinburgh Integration Joint Board were submitted for approval. The draft financial statements were produced and presented to the Audit and Assurance Committee on 19th June 2023 and were submitted to Audit Scotland on 28th of June 2024.

Decision

- 1) To note the 'amber' rated internal audit opinion for the year ended 31st March 2024;
- 2) To agree to approve and adopt the annual accounts for 2023/24;
- 3) To agree to authorise the designated signatories (Chair, Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer) to sign the annual report & accounts on behalf of the board;
- 4) To agree to authorise the Chief Finance Officer to sign the representation letter to the auditors, on behalf of the board; and
- 5) To agree that an update will be provided to the next meeting in relation to compensation for the loss of office to for the previous Chief Officer.

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

5. 2023 / 2024 Annual Assurance Statements

The Edinburgh Integration Joint Board was presented with an update on the committee's annual assurance process agreed through the Audit and Assurance Committee for the 2023/24 cycle.

Decision

- 1) To note the moderate assurance offered by the Audit and Assurance Committee following their review of the committee assurance statements; and
- 2) To note that officers will take away organisation of site visits as a matter of priority.

(Reference – Report by the Chair, Audit and Assurance Committee, submitted.)

6. National Care Service Call for Views - EIJB response

The finalised response to the Call for Views on the National Care Service was presented. The finalised response accounted for submissions made by EIJB members at the development session held on the 12 September 2024 and any other submission made by members outwith the development session.

Decision

To note the finalised submission (Appendix 1) which was approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the EIJB as the deadline for submission of responses to the Call of Views was the 20 September.

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

7. AOCB - Chief Officer Update

By way of an update Chief Officer outlined that they would be resigning from their post at the end of the year. An update was then provided in relation to recruitment arrangements for a new Chief Officer.

Decision

- 1) To note the arrangements for the recruitment of a new chief officer; and
- 2) To note the boards thanks to Pat Togher for his ongoing work as EIJB Chief Officer.

8. AOCB - Notification of Care Inspection Audit

Officers provided an update in relation to notification of the care inspection audit, highlighting that notification had been received at the end of August and that the proposed plan is to update members in November.

Decision

To note the verbal update on the Care Inspection Audit

9. Date of Next Meeting

Decision

To note Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 10am as the date of the next EIJB meeting.