

REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME - UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 At the Special Council meeting held on 22 February 2018 the Council:-

- *Recognised the need for a further formal review of the full Integration Scheme to ensure that this continues to meet Scottish Government policy expectations, and that this must include how budget underspends or overspends are written back to the parent organisations; and*
- *Requested that the Chief Executive engage with NHS Highland and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Integration Joint Board (IJB) to initiate a formal review of the Integration Scheme.*

1.2 This report provides an update against these decisions and invites Member to note the progress that has been made to date in undertaking the requested review.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 At the Special Council meeting held on 22 February 2018 a report was tabled setting out revisions to the Integration Scheme to take account the requirements imposed by The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, which were agreed by the Council for submission to the Scottish Government by 2 March 2018.

2.2 The Council also:-

- *Recognised the need for a further formal review of the full Integration Scheme to ensure that this continues to meet Scottish Government policy expectations, and that this must include how budget underspends or overspends are written back to the parent organisations; and*
- *Requested that the Chief Executive engage with NHS Highland and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Integration Joint Board (IJB) to initiate a formal review of the Integration Scheme.*

2.3 This report provides an update on the progress that has been made against the decisions detailed at 2.2 above.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to note:-

- i. the lack of progress that had been made in respect of implementing the Council decision, in February 2018, to pursue a review of the Integration Scheme thus far;
- ii. that arrangements will now be made for an initial meeting of the SLWG; and
- iii. that a revised version of the timetable detailed at paragraph 4.2 will be agreed by the SLWG and reported back to Members.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Following the decision by Argyll and Bute Council in February 2018 to request a review of the Integration Scheme, the Secretary of the NHS Highland Board was notified of this and the request formally recorded within the Chief Executive's report, which was tabled at the Board meeting held on 27 March 2018. In addition a further report from Argyll and Bute HSCP entitled "Proposal to Revise IJB Integration Scheme" was tabled at the NHS Highland Board on 29 May 2018 setting out the proposed process for such a review. The Board noted the request from the Council and

agreed to investigate informal resolution to the concerns prior to commencing the formal review process.

4.2 Statutory responsibility for the review sits with the NHS Board and the Local Authority and requires Director level engagement from both organisations. Following initial discussions between Officers from the Council, the NHS Board, the IJB, and the Scottish Government Health Directorate (SGHD), the following process/timescales were suggested:-

Action	Timescale
Establishment of a short life working group (SLWG), chaired by the Council as requestors of the review, with the following membership:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director - Argyll and Bute Council (Lead) • Director – NHS Highland • Chief Officer – Argyll and Bute HSCP • Director of Finance – NHS Highland • Section 95 Officer – Argyll and Bute Council • Chief financial Officer – Argyll and Bute HSCP • Legal Teams – NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council 	May 2018
Scope of review to be clarified by SLWG and a report with recommendations prepared	June 2018
Formal agreement to proceed with review obtained from Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland Board	Aug 2018
If approved, revisions to Integration Scheme identified / documented, and submitted to Argyll and Bute Council and NHS highland Board for approval	Sept/Oct 2018
Public consultation	Nov/Dec 2018
Results of consultation considered by Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland Board	Jan 2019
If revisions agreed, revised Integration Scheme submitted to SGHD to be laid before parliament (28 days) awaiting ministerial approval	Feb 2019

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 Unfortunately there was a delay in confirming the NHS Director who would be part of the SLWG. This has now been resolved and arrangements are being put in hand for the SLWG to meet. At their first meeting a review of the initial timetable detailed at 4.2 above will be undertaken and a revised timeline reported back to Members.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – review will ensure compliance with Scottish Government policy

- 6.2 Financial – None
- 6.3 Legal – review will take account of relevant legislation
- 6.4 HR – none
- 6.5 Equalities and Socio Economic – none for this report
- 6.6 Risk – adverse impact on service delivery
- 6.7 Customer Service – delivery of national health and wellbeing outcomes for people of Argyll and Bute

7.0 APPENDICES

- 7.1 None

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