

EX42. THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) BILL

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Social Work on the implications of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill and presenting proposed responses to two calls for evidence from Government committees.

The Bill sets out a framework to improve the quality and consistency of health and social care services in Scotland, including the integration of local authority services with health care services - 4 models of integration are proposed based on the body corporate model (where functions are delegated to an integration Joint Board) or the Lead Agency model (where the delegated functions can be led by either the Health Board, the local authority or a joint arrangement between both).

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- 1) to note the contents of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill;**
- 2) to note the financial implications arising from the Bill;**
- 3) the responses to the calls for evidence from the Health & Sports Committee and from the Finance Committee of the Scottish Parliament;**
- 4) the decision of the Partnership Board to progress the operational priorities outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report as the most fruitful areas for the development of more integrated approaches, and**
- 5) that the Director of Social Work Services would bring forward a detailed option appraisal by the end of 2013, relating to the 4 potential models of integration.**