

Title/Subject: Support Services
Meeting: Integration Joint Board
Date: 24 March 2016
Submitted By: Chief Officer
Action: For Decision

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper outlines the work taking place to identify the support required by the Integration Joint Board to carry out its range of functions
- 1.2 The partnership's Integration Scheme contains a commitment to identify what services are required to support the work of the Integration Joint Board and agree how these will be delivered.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- 2.1. note the ongoing work to develop the support arrangements for the Board in line with the commitment within the Falkirk Integration Scheme and
- 2.2. agree that proposals for consideration and approval will be brought forward by the Chief Officer to the Board meeting on 3 June 2016.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. At the Board meeting on 5 February 2016, there was agreement to remit the Chief Executives, in conjunction with the Chief Officer, to consider the support arrangements for the Board and bring forward proposals for consideration.
- 3.2. The Falkirk Integration Scheme at section 4.2 states that:

In the Shadow Year, the Parties will identify the corporate resources currently utilised to carry out the Integration Functions and agree (a) how any or all of those will be provided to the Integration Joint Board to support it to discharge its duties under the Act, and (b) how the costs of those corporate services will be funded. The Parties will ensure that representatives from relevant corporate support services are involved in this process, such as representatives from finance, legal/governance, information governance, equalities, performance management/data analysis, human resources, risk management, community engagement and strategic planning.

- 3.3. The Integration Scheme further states that the support will be reviewed annually to ensure that the necessary support is being provided to the IJB.
- 3.4. The work to date to support the development of the Integration Joint Board and planning for integration has drawn on a mixture of ring fenced support and posts and considerable input from the existing corporate services from Falkirk Council and NHS Forth Valley.
- 3.5. Colleagues from corporate services have been involved in the work stream. We are now moving to a different stage of development and work is currently progressing both within this partnership and, as appropriate, with the Clackmannanshire and Stirling partnership. This will clarify the ongoing requirements in the light of the developing framework for operation of the Integration Joint Board.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1. Work has been progressing to clarify the ongoing requirements to more accurately reflect the agreed framework for operation and discharge of functions by the Board but has not yet fully concluded.
- 4.2. The IJB Board have received separate agenda items which note where some aspects of support services have been proposed. These relate to Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests and Internal Audit.

Resource Implications

The IJB and partner organisations are required to identify where support will be provided for a range of activities, in line with the approved Integration Scheme. It is recognised this is likely to be challenging within the existing financial constraints, however will be necessary to ensure the IJB is able to safely discharge its legislative responsibilities in line with its delegated functions.

Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes and Priorities

The nature of the support required will change as the Integration Joint Board moves from the planning stage to delivery and the support needs require to reflect this to ensure that the Board is able to discharge effectively the full range of its functions.

Legal & Risk Implications

Support services for the Integration Joint Board will be required to ensure it meets its statutory responsibilities set out in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Consultation

All governance leads have been consulted in the preparation of this paper.

Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment

This paper does not require an assessment to be completed.

Exempt report

No.

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List of Background Papers:

IJB Report: 5 February 2016 – Partnership Fund Update