

## **FALKIRK INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**Minute of Special Meeting of the Falkirk Integration Joint Board held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Friday 18 November 2016 at 9.30 am.**

**Voting Members:**

Allyson Black (Chairperson)  
Jane Grant (substitute)  
Dennis Goldie  
Linda Gow  
Alex Linkston  
John Ford (substitute)

**Non-voting Members:**

Sandra Burt, Staff Representative, Falkirk Council  
Patricia Cassidy, Chief Officer  
Sara Lacey, Chief Social Work Officer (substitute),  
Falkirk Council  
Ewan Murray, Chief Finance Officer  
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive, Falkirk Council  
Angela Wallace, Nursing Representative, NHS Forth  
Valley

**Officers:**

Joe McElholm, Head of Social Work Adult Services,  
Falkirk Council  
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer,  
Falkirk Council  
Kathy O'Neill, Community Services Directorate,  
General Manager, NHS Forth Valley  
Fiona Ramsay, Director of Finance, NHS Forth Valley  
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer, Falkirk  
Council  
Suzanne Thomson, Programme Manager (Health and  
Social Care Integration)  
Elaine Vanhegan, Head of Performance and  
Governance, NHS Forth Valley

**IJB58. Apologies**

Apologies were received on behalf of James King, Julia Swan, Karen Herbert, Leslie Cruickshank, Claire Crossan, Martin Murray, Kathy McCarroll and Tom Hart.

**IJB59. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

## **IJB60. Integration Joint Board Business Case 2017/18**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer on the Board Business Case 2017/18 and was provided with a presentation by Ewan Murray setting out the outline of the business case including the challenges from demographic growth and other cost related pressures and the background of the anticipated financial settlement for the constituent authorities. This was followed by the provision of further detail by Joe McElholm on the proposals for savings approach set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

There was agreement that the scale of the challenge facing the partnership reinforced the importance of making progress with integration between health and social care to end unnecessary duplication and achieve the best outcome for service users. The process of integration needed to be accelerated and be transformational in nature. Members also stressed the importance of an honest dialogue with the community where services were being redesigned or reduced.

Members noted that only social care savings were covered in the report and asked what the position was with proposals from the Health Board. It was noted that it was difficult to consider one set of proposals in isolation. Fiona Ramsey confirmed that work was being undertaken on national budget setting at this stage. She anticipated an NHS savings target of 5%. There were national savings under consideration including the standardisation of prescribing, procurement and pricing, the use of national workforce banks rather than external agencies and service redesign. These would impact on the proposals at Health Board and partnership level. The timeframe for finalisation of proposals was early January 2017. The Board would be updated as soon as possible thereafter.

In response to a question on whether a future alignment of budgets between agencies was envisaged, Fiona Ramsay intimated that this issue was one of a number of issues under discussion and progress would be provided to the Board. Clarification was requested on the effect of the implementation of the Scottish Living Wage (SLW) on service delivery. Ewan Murray, in response, advised that there would be a recurring cost resulting from the SLW which required to be taken into account in future years.

### **The Integration Joint Board:-**

#### **(1) Noted:-**

- (a) the background in which the report had been prepared including the relevant sections of the Integration Scheme and the extant national finance guidance from the Integrated Resources Advisory Group (IRAG);**
- (b) the update on the Strategic Plan delivery;**

- (c) the financial and economic outlook and current intelligence on likely financial settlements for Local Authorities and NHS Boards;**
- (d) the estimated resource requirement for delegated Adult Social Care Services taking account of:-**
  - (i) key planning assumptions;**
  - (ii) the estimated cost impact of demographic and other cost pressures;**
  - (iii) the impact of the living wage; and**
  - (iv) the impact of possible scenarios modelled around the treatment of the Integration Fund within the 2017/18 Scottish Draft Budget and the Draft Savings Programme;**
- (e) the other financial considerations detailed in the report;**
- (f) the update on budget setting for in-scope NHS Services; and**
- (g) the post due diligence issues still requiring resolution; and**

**(2) Agreed:-**

- (a) the estimated resource requirement and the draft programme of savings options as outlined in Section 6 of the report for Adult Social Care Services and submission to Falkirk Council for consideration within the 2017/18 budget setting process, subject to completion of equalities impact assessments and, where appropriate, consultation on the impact of the proposed savings options;**
- (b) the creation of a reserve from any balance of the Integration Fund remaining at the end of 2016/2017;**
- (c) that the business case be submitted to Falkirk Council and NHS Forth Valley Board as part of their budget setting processes; and**
- (d) that the revised business case would be presented to the Integrated Joint Board on 3 February 2017 as the NHS Budget was developed and submitted to the NHS Board as part of its budget setting process.**

The Convener agreed a short adjournment at 10.40 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10.50 a.m. with all Members present as per the sederunt.

#### **IJB61. Performance Report**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Head of Performance and Governance, NHS Forth Valley providing an overview of the performance of the Health and Social Care Partnership's delivery of health and social care.

#### **Decision**

**The Integration Joint Board noted:-**

- (1) the content of the first performance report to the Board;**
- (2) the exceptions highlighted and that appropriate action to be taken forward by the relevant NHS General Managers, in conjunction with the Partnership's Chief Officer;**
- (3) the challenging timescale highlighted for the preparation of the Annual Report; and**
- (4) that the performance information detailed in the report would be considered by Falkirk Council's Scrutiny Committee (External) in due course.**