

The Board considered the following item as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances. The Chair advised that the special circumstances were the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

IJB68. Delegation of Powers to Determine Urgent Issues

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer which invited the Board to agree that authority was delegated to its Chief Officers to deal with urgent business, which would normally be determined by the Board, during the period of the Coronavirus outbreak, until, at least, the Board meeting scheduled for 5 June 2020.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board:-

- 1) **agreed that the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak was deemed an emergency in terms of the Scheme of Delegation at least until 5 June 2020 or for such longer period if Government advice remained to minimise social interaction;**
- 2) **noted that, in line with the Scheme of the Delegation, in such an emergency:-**
 - (i) **The Chief Officer or Chief Finance Officer are authorised to take such measures as may be required in emergency situations, subject to reporting to the Board as soon as possible on any items for which approval would normally be necessary.**
 - (ii) **In exercising the authority hereby delegated to them, officers must act in accordance with any policies and procedures of the Board.**
 - (iii) **If any decision proposed under delegated powers might lead to a budget being exceeded, the Chief Officer or Chief Finance Officer must consult with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board before exercising the delegated power.**
- 3) **agreed to suspend all meetings of the Board and its committees until at least 5 June 2020, and**
- 4) **agreed that the Chief Officer was empowered to continue the period of meeting suspension beyond 5 June 2020 should it be necessary in her opinion.**