

Agenda Item 16

Review of Integration Scheme



Falkirk Integration Joint Board

4 June 2021

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For Decision

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress on the review of the integration scheme.

2. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- 2.1 note the contents of this report.
- 2.2 agree to the first stage consultation on the review of the scheme

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 20 November 2020, the Board noted that the integration scheme required to be reviewed by the constituent authorities and that this was to be progressed in 2021.
- 3.2 Work has commenced and a number of productive meetings have taken place. There is agreement that there are no changes proposed at this stage to the functions delegated to the Board. The proposed revisions are likely to be in the following areas:-
- 3.3 **Governance**
The Council is seeking an increase in the number of voting members from 3 to 4.
- 3.4 **Operational Delivery Arrangements and the Role of the Chief Officer**
The aim is to better describe the position in the scheme and reflect the progress that has been made in this area; and
- 3.5 **Finance**
The focus in this section will be on risk sharing but the opportunity will also be taken to clarify that section of the scheme more generally.

The opportunity will also be taken to tidy up the drafting in the scheme as a whole. It is anticipated that the result of the discussions will be reported to the Board in September. If there is agreement on the proposed changes to the scheme between the Board and the constituent authorities, there will

need to be consultation prior submission of the revised scheme to the Scottish Ministers.

The Act requires two stages of consultation. The first stage of this is consideration of whether any changes to the scheme are necessary or desirable following consultation. It is suggested that this first stage of consultation is undertaken following this meeting.

4. Conclusions

The review of the scheme offers an opportunity to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the constituent authorities and the operation of the Board and the partnership more generally.

Resource Implications

There are none beyond the requirement for officer time in conducting the review.

Impact on IJB Outcomes and Priorities

It is important that the scheme provides a sound framework to allow the Board to deliver the on its outcomes and priorities

Directions

A direction is not appropriate.

Legal & Risk Implications

The review will comply with the requirement in the Public Bodies (joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Consultation

First stage consultation will be undertaken following this meeting.

Equalities Assessment

At this stage, none of the proposed changes to the scheme are to give rise to equality issues.

5. Report Author

- 5.1 Colin Moodie, Falkirk Council Chief Governance Officer

6. List of Background Papers

n/a

7. Appendices

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