

IJB58. Directions Policy

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer which presented the draft Directions policy for approval which was set out as an appendix to the report. Directions were a key aspect of the IJB's governance framework and formed the legal basis of how all delegated services were to be delivered and funded. In order to comply with statutory guidance, a formal Directions policy had been developed in a bid to improve transparency and accountability between the IJB and its constituent authorities.

In line with the provisions of sections 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, Directions were the mechanism by which the IJB's strategic plans were enacted. Practice was that the IJB issued a single broad over-arching Direction to Partners to incorporate all relevant functions. However, statutory guidance published by the Scottish Government in January 2020, made it clear that a separate Direction should be issued for each individual delegated function. The statutory guidance also confirmed that a formal Directions policy should be in place to promote best practice and improve the manner in which Directions were issued and implemented.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board approved the Directions Policy.