

## **IJB66. Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2019-20**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Social Work Officer which provided an overview of how the statutory responsibilities had been fulfilled by the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) during 2019-20. CSWO's were required to submit an annual report in accordance with Scottish Government guidance. This year, given the workload implications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Scottish Government had proposed a much-reduced template to complete to enable CSWOs to present shortened reports for local governance structures. This ensured local reporting arrangements continued whilst having due regard to current pressures being experienced across the sector.

The reduced template provided for this year's report had the following sections:-

- Governance and Accountability
- Service Quality and Performance
- Resources
- Workforce
- COVID-19

An additional section had been added to Falkirk's annual report to highlight the joint innovation across the entire social work sector.

### **Decision**

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

- (1) noted the contents of the CSWO's Annual Report, and**
- (2) acknowledged the commitment, skills and experience of social work staff in continuing to deliver high quality services to Falkirk's citizens.**