

IJB17. Review of Integration Scheme

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer which provided an update on progress of the review of the Integration Scheme.

Work on the review had commenced and a number of productive meetings had taken place. There was agreement that there were no changes proposed at this stage to the functions delegated to the Board. The proposed revisions were likely to be in the following areas:-

- (1) Governance - the Council sought an increase in the number of voting members from 3 to 4;
- (2) Operational Delivery Arrangements and the Role of the Chief Officer - to better describe the position in the scheme and reflect the progress that had been made in this area, and
- (3) Finance - focus in this section would be on risk sharing but the opportunity would also be taken to clarify that section of the scheme more generally.

The opportunity would also be taken to tidy up the drafting in the scheme as a whole. It was anticipated that the result of the discussions would be reported to the Board in September. If there was agreement on the proposed changes to the scheme between the Board and the constituent authorities, there would need to be consultation prior to submission of the revised scheme to the Scottish Ministers.

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

Decision

The Integration Joint Board agreed to the first stage consultation on the review of the scheme.