

## **REPORT TO SOCIAL WORK AND HOUSING COMMITTEE – 1 SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **APPOINTING THE ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AS A FORMAL CONSULTEE**

#### **1 Recommendation**

##### **The Committee is recommended to:**

- 1.1** Appoint the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (“IJB”) as a formal consultee for any business within the Committee’s remit, and any future Committee with similar remit, that has a direct impact on the IJB’s ability to discharge its duties.

#### **2 Background**

- 2.1 The Integration Joint Board was established in February 2016 and assumed responsibility for the planning and operational management of most adult health and social care services from April 2016.
- 2.2 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 sets out the legislative framework for the remit of the IJB. The Act sets out which functions were mandatory for the IJB to take responsibility for, which functions were optional and which functions were to remain with the local authority.
- 2.3 The charging for social care services was reserved to the remit of the local authority by the legislation.
- 2.4 The level of income received through charging for social care services has a significant and material impact on the budget available to the IJB.
- 2.5 Given the clear impact on the budget of the IJB by the decision made by the Social Work and Housing Committee on charging policies, the IJB should be consulted on the policies before any final decision is taken.
- 2.6 Formalising the relationship between the Housing and Social Work Committee and the IJB through formal consultation ensures that any matter for which the Council is responsible, that has a direct impact on the IJB’s ability to discharge its duties, can be given due consideration by both bodies before a final decision is made by this Committee.
- 2.7 The proposal is to make the IJB a formal consultee of the Social Work and Housing Committee for such issues. On this basis if the Social Work and Housing committee is undertaking any business that directly impacts upon the

IJB, the views of the IJB need to be considered. There are proposals to formalise this position in the Scheme of Delegation drafted for the Future Governance Working Group however as yet this is still only in draft.

- 2.8 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and any comments received have been incorporated.

### **3 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications**

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is not necessary for the purpose of this report as there is no impact on any person with protected characteristics as a result of this report.
- 3.2 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.
- 3.3 There are no financial implications stemming from this report however the proposed consultation will ensure that certain financial decisions in future will be taken after consideration of the views of the IJB.

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