

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by Chief Officer West Dunbartonshire HSCP – Beth Culshaw****Council Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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**Subject: Review of Integration Scheme****1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To update Council on work ongoing to review the Integration Scheme between West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and to present a draft revised Integration Scheme for approval to go out for consultation.
- 1.2** The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the “Act”) requires Local Authorities and Health Boards to jointly prepare an Integration Scheme. It sets out the key arrangements for how Health and Social Care Integration is to be planned, delivered and monitored within their local area.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** Consider the content of this report, and
- 2.2** Approve the draft revised Integration Scheme for consultation.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** Integration Schemes (based on a model integration scheme developed by the Scottish Government) were published by all IJBs in Greater Glasgow and Clyde as part of the implementation of the Integration Joint Boards (HSCP Partnership Board). The Schemes set out the key arrangements for how Health and Social Care Integration is to be planned, delivered and monitored within their local area.
- 3.2** Integration Schemes are required by statute to be reviewed within a “relevant period” of five years from initial publication. The Schemes for IJBs across Greater Glasgow and Clyde Board area received parliamentary approval at different times and are therefore subject to different review schedules. In order to ensure consistency, where possible, across the six IJBs and to reduce duplication of effort, it was agreed to carry out simultaneous reviews to enable revised Schemes to be approved at the same time.
- 3.3** West Dunbartonshire IJB’s Integration Scheme was the first to go live and is amongst others reaching the end of their relevant period in June 2020. The review of Schemes therefore requires to be concluded in order to have replacement Schemes in place by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

- 3.4** In order to take forward the joint review of the Schemes, a short life pan-Glasgow Partnership working group was established and to date has met on four occasions to discuss progression of the review. The group is made up of representatives from all six IJBs, the Chief Officer of East Dunbartonshire IJB (to provide a link back to the Chief Officers Group), and the Deputy Head of Board Administration, representing the Health Board. The group are taking forward the review and revision of the Schemes, feeding back to and taking guidance from the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Chief Officers Group with a view to developing revised Schemes for approval by the Councils and Health Board, and subsequently, the Cabinet Secretary.

#### **4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** An initial review of the Schemes has taken place both locally and by the working group and has identified where edits were required (for example removal of references to shadow arrangements).
- 4.2** These reviews have also considered areas that are consistent across all pan-Glasgow Schemes and present for consideration updates and standardisation of content to achieve a higher level of consistency across Schemes and to reflect the position within IJBs for each area of the Scheme that may have changed since Schemes were originally published.
- 4.3** The core content and structure of the draft revised Scheme remains consistent with the current Scheme, and therefore retains its close alignment with the model Integration Scheme approved by the Scottish Government and the requirements laid out within the [Public Bodies Joint Working Integration Scheme Scotland Regulations 2014](#).
- 4.4** Key areas of the Scheme that required review and revision to the text included the sections on Finance, Risk Management, Complaints and Information and Data Handling to reflect legislative changes and actual operational delivery. The section on Participation and Engagement is also subject to fundamental review but will be completed following the outcome of the consultation process.
- 4.5** The key substantive change proposed is in relation to Section 3 (Local Governance Arrangements) where it is proposed that the term of the Chair/Vice Chair of the IJB is reduced from three years to two years. This brings the term in West Dunbartonshire into line with that of the other IJBs in the Greater Glasgow area.
- 4.6** Content in relation to Section 12 of the Integration Scheme (Finance) was reviewed by the Chief Finance Officers Group, who developed agreed revised text and presented this to the pan-Glasgow working group and recommended that it is adopted by all IJBs within the Greater Glasgow area with some minor local variations.

- 4.7** Activity to confirm arrangements in relation to hosted services, and therefore to confirm what the Schemes say in relation to hosted services, is being taken forward by the Chief Officers Group and has not been finalised in time to be included in the version attached or considered as part of the consultation exercise.
- 4.8** The group has been in regular contact with the Scottish Government on processes and timescales to obtain Cabinet Secretary approval for revised Schemes. Advice and guidance was also sought on any areas within Schemes that the Scottish Government has knowledge of from their experience of across the country that generally required improvement.
- 4.9** The draft revised Integration Scheme was shared with colleagues in Legal Services to gain a legal perspective on whether the Scheme meets the statutory requirements surrounding review and development of Integration Schemes laid out in the Act. Where required, the draft Scheme has been amended to accommodate the advice from Legal Services (e.g. in relation to legislative changes that impact on the functions delegated to IJBs).

## **5. Next steps**

- 5.1** If approved by Committee, the draft revised Scheme will be subject to consultation with the prescribed consultees as laid out in [Prescribed consultees regulations](#) and in accordance with section 46 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The consultation process will run until the end of March 2020.
- 5.2** Following the consultation exercise, the feedback received will be used to make the necessary revisions to the draft Scheme and the updated drafts will be presented to Council (and the Health Board) for final approval. If approved the Scheme will be presented to the Integration Joint Board for noting and subsequently submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for Ministerial approval by the end of May 2020.

## **6. People Implications**

- 6.1** None

## **7. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 7.1** None

## **8. Risk Analysis**

- 8.1** No risk assessment was necessary

## **9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 9.1** No EIA was required in relation to this report.

## **10. Consultation**

- 10.1** Consultation will commence with meeting of the WDHSCP Board Strategic Planning Group.

## **11. Strategic Assessment**

- 11.1** At its meeting on 25 October 2017, the Council agreed that its five main strategic priorities for 2017 - 2022 are as follows:

- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities.
- Supported individuals, families and carers living independently and with dignity.
- Meaningful community engagement with active empowered and informed citizens who feel safe and engaged.
- Open, accountable and accessible local government.
- Efficient and effective frontline services that improve the everyday lives of residents.

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<b>Appendices:</b>	Integration Scheme
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<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	None
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