



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 12 MAY 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Provost L Broun-Lindsay (Convener)	Councillor N Hampshire
Councillor S Akhtar	Councillor W Innes
Councillor D Berry	Councillor M Libberton
Councillor S Brown	Councillor P MacKenzie
Councillor J Caldwell	Councillor F McAllister
Councillor S Currie	Councillor K McLeod
Councillor A Forrest	Councillor J McMillan
Councillor J Gillies	Councillor J McNeil
Councillor J Goodfellow	Councillor M Veitch
Councillor D Grant	Councillor J Williamson

**Council Officials Present:**

Mrs A Leitch, Chief Executive  
Ms M Patterson, Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)  
and Monitoring Officer  
Mr A McCrorie, Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)  
Mr D Small, Director of East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership  
Mr J Lamond, Head of Council Resources  
Ms S Saunders, Head of Children's Wellbeing  
Mr T Shearer, Head of Communities and Partnerships  
Ms M Ferguson, Service Manager – Legal and Procurement  
Ms J McCabe, Senior Solicitor  
Ms J Ogden-Smith, Communications Officer

**Visitors Present:**

None

**Clerk:**

Mrs L Gillingwater

**Apologies:**

Councillor T Day (retrospective)  
Councillor P McLennan (retrospective)  
Councillor T Trotter

*Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor Currie made a statement in relation to the recent UK General Election. He thanked all staff involved in the management and administration of the Election in East Lothian. He went on to pay tribute to the services of the outgoing MP, Fiona O'Donnell, and anticipated that the new MP, George Keravan, would work positively with the Council.*

**Declaration of Interest:** Councillor Grant declared an interest in respect of Items 1 and 2 as a remunerated Member of the NHS Lothian Board. It was noted that in this case the specific exclusion, as set out in Section 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct would apply, and that Councillor Grant would be permitted to remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate and decision-making process.

## **1. INTEGRATED ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN EAST LOTHIAN**

A report was submitted by the Director of the Health and Social Care Partnership seeking approval of the proposed organisational arrangements for health and social care in East Lothian.

The Director of the Health and Social Care Partnership, David Small, presented the report, informing Members that the report and its appendices set out the proposed arrangements for the management of all health and social care services in East Lothian, which included a single management structure. He pointed out that there would be no changes to the terms and conditions of the staff affected.

Mr Small advised that the approach to the new joint arrangements would be client group based, and drew attention to Option 1 set out in the Annex to the report, which provided further details. He summarised the various implementation stages, which would begin with the appointment of Heads of Service. He mentioned that although the operational management of Children's Wellbeing would be included in the new structure, the Children's Wellbeing function would remain a Council service until such times that a decision was taken to delegate that function to the joint service.

**Sederunt:** Councillor Veitch joined the meeting.

Councillor Berry asked about accountability under the new arrangements and also asked a number of questions relating to practical matters of merging staff from the two different organisations and managing budgets. Mr Small explained that the Council would retain responsibility for delivery of services and ownership of assets, but that the staff would be working under a single management structure, as outlined in the proposed structure chart attached to the report. As regards budgets, he indicated that steps would be taken to merge NHS and Council budgets for these services, but that further work was required before this could take place.

As Health and Social Care Spokesperson, Councillor Grant thanked Mr Small for his complex and detailed report. He spoke in support of Option 1 and agreed that Children's Wellbeing should be included in the new organisational structure, as it was the intention of the Council to delegate this function to the joint service in the future. He highlighted the importance of involving and supporting all affected staff at every stage of the process. Councillor Grant also made reference to the plans for the new East Lothian Community Hospital, and urged Members to attend the public consultation events. He believed that this new facility would make a significant difference to health outcomes in East Lothian.

Councillor Currie welcomed the report and spoke in support of the recommendations contained therein. He was of the view that the joint arrangements would have a positive impact on health and social care services, as well as achieving efficiency savings. However, he suggested that the relationship between the Council and the NHS could be improved upon, and that a greater focus was required as regards preventative care and access to services at an early stage.

Councillor Akhtar highlighted the importance of improving health outcomes and reducing inequalities, and hoped that the new joint service would address these issues. She drew attention to the East Lothian Service for Integrated Care for the Elderly (ELSIE), which she saw as a positive example of joint working and looked forward to seeing the development of other such services. She also provided Members with further information on the public consultation events.

Councillor Berry spoke of the risks in combining health and social care services, but believed that they were risks worth taking. He also suggested that appropriate training should be offered to staff as part of the integration process.

The Provost concluded the debate by thanking Mr Small and the staff involved in bringing forward the proposals.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed:

- i. that there should be joint management of health and social care services in East Lothian;
- ii. that Children's Wellbeing services should be included in the operational remit of the Director of Health and Social Care;
- iii. that Option 1, as outlined in the NHS Lothian/East Lothian Council report entitled 'Proposals for Joint Organisational Arrangement for Health and Social Care in East Lothian' was the preferred option for integrated organisational structures for health and social care;
- iv. that the service groupings set out in the structure chart (attached as Appendix 2 to the report) be approved in principle; and
- v. to note that the detailed issues raised during the consultation would be addressed following implementation of Stage 1 (Heads of Service), as outlined in Point 3.57 of the NHS/East Lothian Council 'Proposals' report).

## **2. EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF EAST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION OF THE EAST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

A report was submitted by the Director of the Health and Social Care Partnership seeking approval of the proposed East Lothian Council voting membership of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board.

Mr Small presented the report, proposing that the current members of the Shadow Board for the Integration of Health and Social Care be appointed to the East Lothian Integration Joint Board. He also pointed out that the Council was required to appoint an Elected Member to be a member of the Strategic Planning Group for the Integration Joint Board, and proposed

that Councillor Grant, as the Council's Health and Social Care Spokesperson, should be the Council's representative.

**Decision**

The Council agreed

- i. to approve the proposed East Lothian Council voting membership, as follows:
  - Councillor Shamin Akhtar
  - Councillor Stuart Currie
  - Councillor Jim Goodfellow
  - Councillor Donald Grant
  
- ii. to appoint Councillor Grant as the Council's representative on the Strategic Planning Group for the Integration Joint Board.

Signed .....

Provost Ludovic Broun-Lindsay  
Convener of the Council