



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 25 May 2023

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Changes to the IJB Membership and Chair/Vice Chair

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform, and where required, seek approval from the Integration Joint Board (IJB) regarding changes to its membership and the appointment of a new Chair and Vice Chair.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is asked to:
- (i) agree the appointment of Councillor Shamin Akhtar as the Chair of the IJB until 31 March 2025;
 - (ii) agree the appointment of Peter Murray as Vice Chair of the IJB until the end of his term of office on 31 January 2024;
 - (iii) agree the appointment of Marilyn McNeill and David Aston as service user representatives and non-voting members of the IJB for a period of three years;
 - (iv) agree the appointment of Claire McDonald as independent sector representative and non-voting member of the IJB for a period of three years;
 - (v) note the appointment of Lyndsey Byrne as a non-voting member of the IJB, replacing Judith Tait in the role of Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Children's Services; and
 - (vi) note the appointment of Andrew Cogan, replacing Val de Souza as a voting member of the IJB representing NHS Lothian.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scheme of Integration for the IJB states that the Chair will alternate between an East Lothian Council voting member and an NHS Lothian voting member every two years. The Chair is due to be held by a Council voting member for two years from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 9 February 2022, NHS Lothian's Board reappointed Peter Murray as its Lead Voting Member on the IJB for the period 3 April 2022 to 31 January 2024, coinciding with his remaining term on the NHS Lothian Board. At its meeting on 25 April 2023, East Lothian Council agreed the appointment of Councillor Shamin Akhtar as Chair of the IJB for two years to 31 March 2025.
- 3.3 Following a competitive process to identify the service user representative of the IJB, two applicants were identified as the preferred candidates. The decision to recommend two stemmed from the high quality of the candidates interviewed and the desire of the IJB to bolster the influence of service users within its membership. Should the IJB approve the appointment this will further strengthen the input from those members who have direct experience of using health and social care services. These appointments are proposed for the maximum term of office of three years.
- 3.4 Following receipt of an expression of interest and interview by the IJB's outgoing Chair, Peter Murray, Claire McDonald was recommended for appointment as the independent sector representative on the IJB. Ms McDonald is Chief Executive of ELCAP and her appointment would fill a long-standing vacancy on the IJB. This appointment is proposed for the maximum period of three years.
- 3.5 Lindsey Byrne was recently appointed by East Lothian Council as Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) and Head of Children's Services, following the departure of Judith Tait. As a result of her appointment to these roles, Ms Byrne will also replace Ms Tait as a non-voting member of the IJB.
- 3.6 On 5 April 2023, NHS Lothian Board agreed to nominate Andrew Cogan for appointment as a voting member of the East Lothian IJB to replace Val de Souza. Mr Cogan's term of office will be for the period 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2026.
- 3.7 Unless otherwise stated, these appointments to the IJB will take effect from the date of this meeting; 25 May 2023.

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 The appointments in this report have been discussed with the appropriate nominating body or, where appropriate, have been advertised publicly. The arrangements for rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair roles are set out in the Scheme of Integration for the IJB.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report implement national legislation and regulations on the establishment of IJBs.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

7 DIRECTIONS

- 7.1 The subject of this report does not affect the IJB's current Directions or require an additional Direction to be put in place.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial – None.
8.2 Personnel – None.
8.3 Other – None.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014 No.285).
9.2 The Scheme of Integration of the IJB.

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