

## 2. INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN WEST LOTHIAN

A report had been circulated by the Director providing background information about the integration of health and social care in West Lothian to assist in the understanding of the context in which the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) was to work.

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 required councils and health boards to cooperate in the integration of health and social care services. An integration scheme was to be developed and submitted for approval by Scottish Ministers.

The Act required certain statutory functions to be integrated (adult services) and allowed the optional integration of other functions (children's services and criminal justice). Responsibilities for those functions were delegated to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) and the IJB would then instruct council and health board how to deliver the services concerned and with what resources.

The IJB was to develop through its SPG a Strategic Plan for delivery of the integrated functions and associated services. The Strategic Plan was to inform the calculation of the sums to be paid by the council and health board to the IJB for the performance of the integrated functions as well as an annual financial statement in which the IJB would set out the resources it proposed to use to deliver the outcomes contained in the Strategic Plan. The IJB was to report annually on its performance, in terms of both finance and service delivery.

The Integration Scheme for the West Lothian area was developed through the prescribed process and submitted for approval in March 2015. The Scheme has now been approved by Scottish Ministers and the necessary steps have been taken by them in the Scottish Parliament to have the West Lothian IJB formally established as a separate and distinct body to carry out the statutory functions delegated to it. A copy of the approved scheme was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The Scheme provided for the integration of adult and older person's services only. There was also provision for certain hosted services which were to be managed by the Director through the IJB process. The Director was the Head of an integrated or joint management team between the council and health board and reported to the Chief Executive of each body as well as being responsible for the delivery of services in accordance with IJB directions and the Strategic Plan.

The IJB would be constituted in September 2015 and the first formal meeting of the IJB would be on 20 October 2015. This followed meetings of a Shadow Board to carry out the necessary preparatory work needed to help the IJB operate and deliver from the start of its life.

Until 1 April 2016 the IJB would have as its main task the preparation and finalisation of the Strategic Plan and the financial statement which would accompany it. After that date, money would be paid to it by council and

health board and it would assume responsibility for the delivery of the integrated functions and related services.

It was recommended that the Strategic Planning Group note the current position in relation to the Integration of health and social care in West Lothian and the terms of the Integration Scheme summarised in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

#### Decision

1. To note the contents of the report and its accompanying appendices; and
2. To note the context in which the Strategic Planning Group would operate.