

## 7. PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

A report had been circulated by the Director providing an update on progress in preparing the West Lothian Health and Social Care Participation and Engagement Strategy, a copy of which was attached to the report.

The group were advised that the approved Integration Scheme committed both the council and NHS Lothian to the development of a Participation and Engagement Strategy which would ensure significant engagement with and participation by members of the public, representation organisations and other organisation in relation to the decisions about the carrying out of delegated functions. This would include using existing forums, networks and stakeholder groups with an interest in health and social care.

Therefore taking into account the Integration Scheme and the requirements of the Strategic Plan a Participation and Engagement Strategy had been prepared and which comprised of three sections :-

- Overview
- Community Participation and Engagement; and
- Communication

The report also provided a narrative on the three sections of the engagement strategy.

The report concluded that officers would finalise the draft strategy over the next month in consultation with key stakeholders with a view to presenting a finalised strategy to the IJB for approval at its meeting on 31 May 2016. It was specifically noted that officers would be meeting with a series of stakeholders including Ian Buchanan in the coming days at which a number of issues raised concerning communication with the wider public would be discussed.

It was also noted that reference to Acute Services had been omitted from the document and therefore this would be addressed over the next few weeks.

Once approved it was proposed to develop an action plan which would identify specific activities to be undertaken in the coming year.

### Decision

1. To note the content of the report and engagement strategy which it was hoped would be approved by the IJB by 31 May 2016;
2. To agree that Steve Field would contact Jacqui Campbell with regards to the inclusion of Acute Services; and
3. To note that Steve Field would be meeting with Ian Buchanan to

discuss further options to ensure that engagement was undertaken with the wider public promoting the work of the IJB.