

6. AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT ON CHANGING MODELS OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

A report had been circulated by the Director which provided details of the Audit Scotland Report on changing models of health and social care.

Audit Scotland produced a report, details of which were attached as an appendix to the report, to help increase the pace of change and to support new integrated authorities to implement new ways of working and address the challenges facing health and social care services.

The Director advised that West Lothian was at the forefront of commissioning an approach to health and care provision, firstly through the Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) and now through the Integration Joint Board. As a consequence most of the recommendations in the Audit Scotland report were already being addressed through West Lothian's strategic commissioning approach.

The main recommendation which West Lothian has still to fully address was the use of data to inform planning and performance monitoring. Much of the data required to do this was not within the immediate control of the CHCP and indeed not within the scheme of integration. However, as noted within the Audit Scotland report, ISD Scotland was leading a programme of work, overseen by the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and COSLA. In addition, ISD Scotland has allocated dedicated resources to the IJB to support this activity. These resources were significant in the development of the care group commissioning plans which were being developed.

During the course of the discussion the Chair recommended that given the importance of the changing models of health and social care the report should be shared with all members of the Integration Joint Board for their information. The Clerk agreed to circulate this to members of the IJB following the meeting.

It was recommended that the Committee notes the recommendations in the report by Audit Scotland and the progress of the West Lothian Integration Joint Board in respect of these recommendations.

Decision

- To note the recommendations in the report; and
- To agree that the Clerk circulates the report to members of the Integration Joint Board.