

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 8 DECEMBER 2014

REPORT ON: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of members of the Committee to consult on a draft integration scheme for Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:

- 2.1 Agree that the proposed draft integration scheme for Dundee be the subject of consultation between December 2014 and January 2015.
- 2.2 Note that the Chief Executive will bring a final draft integration scheme to the Policy and Resources Committee on 9 March 2015 for approval.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 Members of the Policy and Resources Committee were advised on 27 October 2014 of progress that was being made and further action that was required to take forward the provisions of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Article VII of the minute of the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee held on 27 October 2014 Report 416-2014 refers). Approval was also received on the membership and establishment of the Integration Joint Board and the local authority functions and services that should be delegated to the Interim Joint Board.
- 4.1.2 It is a requirement that an integration scheme be submitted for approval to Scottish Ministers by 31 March 2015. It is on receiving approval by Scottish Ministers that an order can be issued and the Integration Authority established as a legal entity.
- 4.1.3 The Act requires that Health Boards and Local Authorities jointly prepare, consult upon and submit for approval an integration scheme to Scottish Ministers. The required content of the scheme is set out in Section 1(3) (a-f) of the Act and within the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Scheme) (Scotland) Regulation 2014. In addition guidance has been issued on the preparation and content of integration schemes.
- 4.1.4 In summary an integration scheme:-
- Is a legally binding agreement by the Health Board and Local Authority;
 - Must include information that is prescribed in the Act or regulations;
 - Requires to be consulted upon and approved and if subsequently changed would require to be resubmitted for approval to Scottish Ministers.

4.1.5 Guidance in the form of a model integration scheme which follows the format of regulations has been issued. Based upon this guidance an integration scheme should include: reference to the parties it binds and a definition of terms and expressions; the model of integration that has been agreed; local governance arrangements; the functions that are to be delegated; local operational delivery arrangements; clinical and care governance; the Chief Officer role; plans for workforce development; finance related matters; arrangements for participation and engagement; information sharing and data handling; complaints; claims handling, liability and indemnity; risk management; and the dispute resolution mechanism.

4.1.6 There are also prescribed groups that must be consulted on the content of the integration scheme these include: staff of the Local Authority and staff of the Health Board likely to be affected by a decision taken by the Integration Authority; other Local Authorities operating within the area of the Health Board preparing the integration scheme; health professionals; users of health care; carers of users of health care; commercial providers of health care; non-commercial providers of health care; social care professionals; users of social care; carers of users of social care; commercial providers of social care; non-commercial providers of social care; non-commercial providers of social housing; and third sector bodies carrying out activities related to health or social care.

4.2 Developing the Draft Integration Scheme for Dundee

4.2.1 A proposed draft integration scheme is being developed on behalf of Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside. The draft will be prepared in accordance with the regulations and guidance outlined above and will be developed in co-operation with pre-existing partnership and professional advisory groups that have been established to support the implementation of arrangements for integration in both Dundee and Tayside.

4.2.2 When completed the draft integration scheme will be issued to all Elected Members and the prescribed Groups for the purposes of consultation.

4.2.3 It is proposed that the draft integration scheme be the subject of consultation during December 2014 and January 2015. Following the consultation a final draft integration scheme will be submitted for the consideration of the Policy and Resources Committee on 9 March 2015 and the March NHS Tayside Board.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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