



MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Thursday, 25 June 2026

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Mrs Sheila Brumby, Ms Miriam Connor, Councillor John Divers, Ms Sonya Duncan, Councillor Scott Lawrence, Dr Robert Lockhart, Mr Derick Murray, Councillor Bridget Mustard, Ms Deborah O'Shea, Ms Judith Proctor, Mr Sandy Riddell, Mr Michael Ritchie, Mr Dennis Robertson, Ms Elizabeth Robinson, Mr Alex Stephen, Mrs Christine Stevens

APOLOGIES

Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Professor Duff Bruce, Mr Sean Coady, Ms Jane Ewen, Ms Karen Greaves, Mr Jim Lyon, Ms Aimee McIntosh, Ms Laura Skaife-Knight

IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Head of Service; Clinical Director Mental Health; Service Manager, Moray Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Services; Self-Directed Support and Unpaid Carers Team Manager; Alcohol and Drug Partnership Co-ordinator; Interim Strategic Lead; Kevin Todd, UNISON (observer) and Caroline O'Connor, Committee Services Officer

SUBSTITUTE

Councillor Amber Dunbar (for Councillor Peter Bloomfield)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Tracy Colyer

1. Chair

The meeting was chaired by Mr Dennis Robertson.

2. Declaration of Member's Interests

Mr Riddell stated for transparency that he was Chair of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.

The Board noted there were no other declarations of member's interests.

3. Minute of meeting of 26 March 2026

The minute of the meeting of 26 March 2026 was submitted and approved.

4. Action Log of 26 March 2026

The Action Log of the meeting of 26 March 2026 was discussed and updated accordingly.

5. Minute of meeting Clinical and Care Governance Committee of 26 February 2026

The Board noted the minute of the meeting of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee of 26 February 2026.

6. Revenue Budget Outturn for 2025-26

The meeting had before it a report by the Chief Financial Officer informing the Board of the unaudited financial outturn for 2025/26 for the core budgets and the impact this outturn will have on the 2026/27 budget.

During consideration points were raised regarding the fluctuation in the outturn position in terms of being lower than forecast in January to being higher than forecast in June, a higher overspend than noted in the table at paragraph 4.3 when taking account of the £1.7m funding from partners, the relationship between the underspend and overspend referenced in para 8.12, the carry forward of earmarked reserves, achievability of the admin and vacancy target in paras 5.13 and 5.14 and the vacancy management controls referred to para 8.2 not inadvertently causing delays to recruitment.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to:-

- i) note the unaudited revenue outturn position for the financial year 2025/26;
- ii) note the impact of the 2025/26 outturn on the 2026/27 revenue budget; and
- iii) approve for issue, the Directions shown in Appendix 4 to NHS Grampian and Moray Council.

7. Unaudited Annual Accounts

The meeting had before it a report by the Chief Financial Officer informing the Board of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of the Moray Integration Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Councillor Scott Lawrence joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Following consideration the Committee unanimously agreed to:-

- i) approve the unaudited Annual Accounts to be submitted to the external auditor, noting that all figures remain subject to audit, in Appendix 1;
- ii) approve the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance which supports the Annual Governance Statement, in Appendix 2;
- iii) note the accounting policies applied in the production of the unaudited Annual Accounts, pages 48 to 49 of the accounts;
- iv) note the Annual Governance Statement contained within the unaudited Annual Accounts and in Appendix 3; and
- v) approve the Best Value Statements as detailed in Appendix 4.

8. External Audit Plan for the Year Ending 2025-26 and Update on Recommendations from 2024-25

The meeting had before it a report by the Chief Financial Officer informing the Board of the Audit's Annual Plan for 2025/26 and update on the recommendations following last years audit.

Following consideration the Committee unanimously agreed to note the contents of the External Auditor's Annual Plan for 2025/26 and update on audit recommendations for 2024/25.

9. Moray Adult Mental Health Strategic Group Performance Report

The meeting had before it a report by the Deputy Head of Service and Consultant in Public Health providing the Board with assurance on progress towards delivery of the Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 - 2026.

Mr Alex Stephen joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to:-

- i) note the progress towards achievement of the Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 – 2026;
- ii) acknowledge the performance of Moray Mental Health services in relation to seven key performance measures; and
- iii) endorse the development of a new Moray Mental Health Strategy 2026/27.

10. Annual Update on the Delivery of the Unpaid Carers Strategy 2023-28

The meeting had before it a report by the Service Manager Provider Services providing the Board with an annual update on the progress of delivery of the Moray Unpaid Carers Strategy 2023/2028.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to:-

- i) note the progress made during 2025–26 in delivering the objectives of the Unpaid Carers Strategy;
- ii) note how engagement activity, surveys and evaluations have informed the revised implementation plan and commissioned service outcomes; and
- iii) instruct the Lead Officer for Unpaid Carers to provide 6-monthly updates to the Audit, Performance & Risk Committee, with annual reports to Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB).

11. Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership - Strategic Delivery Plan 2026-29

The meeting had before it a report by the Moray Drug and Alcohol Coordinator presenting the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership (MADP) Strategic Delivery Plan 2026-29 to the Board for approval.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to:-

- i) note the continued commitment of the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership to delivering a rights-based, trauma-informed, recovery focused, and partnership-led approach to preventing harm, reducing inequalities, promoting recovery, and improving outcomes for individuals, families, and communities affected by alcohol and drugs;
- ii) note that the Strategic Delivery Plan has been informed through national and local consultation activity, lived and living experience engagement, partnership review, governance discussions, and wider stakeholder feedback throughout development of the plan;
- iii) approve the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategic Delivery Plan 2026–2029 (Appendix 1); and
- iv) note that progress against the Strategic Delivery Plan and associated action plans will be monitored through MADP governance arrangements, with ongoing assurance and progress reporting provided to the Board and Annual Performance Report (APR) processes thereafter.

12. Hosted Services Service Level Agreements

The meeting had before it a report by the Interim Strategic Lead seeking approval of the implementation of Service Level Agreements and accompanying governance and reporting arrangements for the 12 Hosted Services in Grampian.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to:-

- i) approve the implementation of the Service Level Agreements contained in Appendices 1 to 13, noting the developments highlighted in paragraph 4.6;
- ii) approve the approach to agreeing transformation activity detailed in paragraph 4.8; and
- iii) instruct the Chief Officer to submit baseline data reports to the Board meeting on 28 January 2027.

13. Moray Annual Performance Report 2025-26

The meeting had before it a report by the Chief Officer presenting the Board with the draft Annual Performance Report 2025/26.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to:-

- i) note the draft Annual Performance Report 2025/26 at Appendix 1;
- ii) note that the information for national indicators will be added once published in early July, and that these additions will be approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board prior to publication; and
- iii) approve the draft Annual Performance Report 2025/26 for publication by 31 July 2026, subject to the inclusion of the outstanding indicators.

14. Thanks

The Board, in noting that Mr Jim Lyon, Interim Chief Social Work Officer was not present however it would have been his last meeting, joined the Chair in paying tribute to Mr Lyon for his contributions and wished him well for the future.