



ABERDEEN, 3 February 2026. Minute of Meeting of the INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD.

Present:- Councillor Cooke, Vice Chairperson in the Chair; and David Blackburn, Mark Burrell, Councillor Lee Fairfull, Councillor Martin Greig, Ritchie Johnson, Councillor M. Tauqeer Malik, Jonathan Belford, Jamie Donaldson, Jenny Gibb, Maggie Hepburn, Dr Caroline Howarth, Phil Mackie, Brenda Massie, Kenneth McAlpine, Shona McFarlane, Fiona Mitchelhill and Graeme Simpson.

Also in attendance:- Martin Allan, Lisa Allerton, Elizabeth Archibald, Daniela Brawley, Bernadette Bularan, Kevin Dawson, Kate Humphrey, Vicki Johnstone, Catherine King, Emma King, Stuart Lamberton, Graham Lawther, Alison MacLeod, Judith McLenan, Grace Milne, Iain Ramsay, Sandy Reid, Angela Scott, Neil Stephenson and Julie Warrender.

Apologies:- Hussein Patwa, Amanda Foster, Dr Stephen Friar and Dr Joy Miller.

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone responsible for the organising of the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Conference on 28 January 2026 at the Beach Ballroom and all who attended.

The Chair proposed to take items 6.1 and 6.2 (Financial Position Update and Fast Track Cities respectively) before items 5.1 and 5.2.

At this juncture, Councillor Malik raised a Point of Order acknowledging that he had submitted his two Proposals after the deadline but seeking clarification why the Chair had agreed to take one proposal but not the other. The Chair outlined the differences in approach between the IJB and Aberdeen City Council Committees and advised that all of Councillor Malik's points in the proposal could be raised as questions. The Chair stated that Councillor Malik's dissent could be recorded in the minute in accordance with standing Order 18.9, but that the Chair's decision was final in not taking the second proposal.

The Board resolved:-

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- (i) to agree to the change of order of agenda items;
- (ii) to note Councillor Malik's dissent with regard to the Chair not accepting one of his proposals; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the Chair's remarks.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

2. There were no Declarations.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

3. Members were requested to determine that any exempt business be considered with the press and public excluded.

The Board resolved:-

to consider the exempt appendices during consideration of item 7.1 with the press and public excluded so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information in accordance with Standing Order 13 of the Scheme of Governance (July 2025), for the reason that: the business related to the commercial interests, contractual terms (whether proposed or to be proposed), financial or business affairs of any person, and therefore confidentiality was required.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

4. Members watched a video entitled A Carer's Story, that had been created especially for the IJB. Members heard that the video was part of a multi part series which explored a real Carer's journey in Aberdeen City and that the edit today was some of the key highlights from the series.

Members heard that on the agenda today there was the final Carers Strategy Annual Report from the current 2023-2026 Carers Strategy followed by the new Carers Strategy 2026-2030 which had been co-produced by Carers with support from the Carers' Strategy Implementation Group.

The Board resolved:-

to note the video.

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MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING OF 2 DECEMBER 2025 AND ATTENDANCE RECORD

5. The Board had before it the minute of its meeting of 2 December 2025 and the 2025 Attendance Record.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to approve the minute as a correct record; and
- (ii) to note the Attendance Record.

DRAFT MINUTE OF RISK, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE OF 19 NOVEMBER 2025

6. The Board had before it the draft minute of the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee of 19 November 2025

The Board resolved:- to note the minute.

DRAFT MINUTE OF CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF 16 DECEMBER 2025

7. The Board had before it the draft minute of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee meeting of 16 December 2025.

The Board resolved:- to note the minute.

BUSINESS PLANNER

8. The Board had before it the Business Planner, which was presented by the Chief Officer.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to agree to the deferral at line 13 (Grampian Vaccination and Immunisation Annual Report 2025); and
- (ii) to otherwise agree the Planner.

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IJB INSIGHTS PLANNER

9. The Board had before it the IJB Insights Sessions Planner prepared by the Strategy and Transformation Manager.

The Board resolved:-

to agree the Planner.

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

10. The Board had before it the report from the Chief Officer, ACHSCP who presented an update on highlighted topics and responded to questions from members.

The report recommended:-

that the Board note the detail contained within the report.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to instruct the Primary Care Lead to provide further information in respect of the Primary Care Board and Grampian GP walk-in centre, and their governance structure and staffing model respectively, following meetings with the sector leads; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the detail contained within the report.

CARERS' STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT - HSCP.26.005

11. The Board had before it the Carers Strategy Annual Report 2025-2026. The Transformation Programme Manager introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

The report recommended:-

that the Board note the progress on the delivery of the Carers Strategy 2023-2026.

The Board resolved:-

to agree the recommendation.

REFRESHED CARERS' STRATEGY - HSCP.26.007

12. The Board had before it the refreshed Carers Strategy 2026 – 2030. The Transformation Programme Manager and Senior Project Manager introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

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The report recommended:-

that the Board:

- (a) approve the new Carers Strategy 2026-2030; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer to develop a delivery plan for the Carers Strategy.

The Board resolved:-

to agree the recommendations.

FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE - HSCP.26.002

13. The Board had before it a report prepared by the Deputy Chief Finance Officer, Aberdeen City Council, in respect of the Quarter 3 – 2025/2026, Financial Performance and Indicative results for year end 2025/2026.

The report recommended:-

that the Board:

- (a) note the indicative financial performance of the IJB for the fiscal period 2025/2026;
- (b) note the financial performance of the IJB in Quarter 3 – 2025/2026 (i.e. 9 month period) in relation to the updated 2025-2026 funding availability;
- (c) note the update on on-going digitalisation work in regard to the administration of client care requirements and the role it played in tracking the management of IJB's financial performance and position; and
- (d) note the status of the audit recommendations coming from Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Report following their financial year 2024 – 2025 annual audit.

The Board resolved:-

to agree the recommendations.

FAST TRACK CITIES - HSCP.26.004

14. The Board had before it a report providing the annual update on activity contributing to the Fast Track Cities Initiative. The Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV - NHS Grampian Sexual Health, and the Public Health Manager - NHS Grampian, introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

The report recommended:-

that the Board note the delivery of the Fast Track Cities initiative in Aberdeen City and endorse the continuation of this work.

At this juncture, the Chair stated that he was content to incorporate Councillor Malik's proposal, set out below, into the recommendations.

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that the Board:

- (1) note the delivery of the Fast Track Cities initiative in Aberdeen City and endorses the continuation of this work; and
- (2) instruct the Chief Officer to invite Richard Angell Chief Executive of Terrence Higgins Trust to Aberdeen to give a talk to the IJB on what the Terrence Higgins Trust is doing in both Scotland and England which can help the excellent work identified in this report.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to note the delivery of the Fast Track Cities initiative in Aberdeen City and endorse the continuation of this work;
- (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer to invite (1) Richard Angell - Chief Executive of Terrence Higgins Trust; and (2) representatives of local groups including Our Positive Voice Grampian, to give a talk to the IJB by way of an Insights Session, on the progress being made locally and across Scotland which could help with the excellent work identified in the report; and
- (iii) to commend the work of the Grampian Fast Track Cities Group, NHS Grampian Sexual Health Service, Infectious Diseases Unit and Public Health.

ANNUAL PROCUREMENT WORKPLAN - HSCP.26.006

15. The Board had before it a report prepared by the Strategic Procurement Manager seeking approval of the Annual Procurement Work Plan for 2026/27 for expenditure on social care services, together with the associated procurement Business Cases.

The Strategic Procurement Manager introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

The report recommended:-

that the Board:

- (a) approve the extension for one year, through a direct award, of 23 National Care Home Contracts for residential services for older people, as detailed in Appendices A and C of the report;
- (b) approve the extension for one year, of Housing Support Services in Sheltered Housing Complexes contracts for older people, as detailed in Appendices A and D of the report;
- (c) note the update to Individual Out of Area Placements at 4.6 of the report; and
- (d) make the Directions, as attached at Appendices B1 and B2 of the report and instruct the Chief Officer to issue the Directions to Aberdeen City Council.

The Board resolved:-

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to agree the recommendations.

ANNUAL PROCUREMENT WORKPLAN - HSCP.26.006 - EXEMPT APPENDICES

16. The Board had before it the exempt appendices in respect of the Annual Procurement Workplan 2026/27 at article 15 of this minute.

The Board resolved:-

to note the information contained within the exempt appendices.

IJB MEETINGS -

17. The Board had before it the dates of the next two IJB Insights Sessions and the IJB Budget meeting of 17 March 2026.

The Board resolved:-

to note the meeting dates.

- **COUNCILLOR JOHN COOKE, Vice Chairperson in the Chair.**