



Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership

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ABERDEEN, 17 March 2026. Minute of Meeting of the INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD.

Present:- Hussein Patwa, Chair; Councillor John Cooke, Vice Chair; and Mark Burrell, Councillor Martin Greig, Ritchie Johnson, Councillor M. Tauqeer Malik, Councillor Miranda Radley (as a substitute for Councillor Fairfull), Jonathan Belford, Jamie Donaldson, Amanda Foster, Dr Caroline Howarth, Brenda Massie, Kenneth McAlpine, Fiona Mitchelhill and Graeme Simpson.

Also in attendance:- Martin Allan, Jess Anderson, Elizabeth Archibald, Matt Carter, Kevin Dawson, Kate Humphrey, Hira Ilyas, Lakshmi Kudlur, Stuart Lamberton, Graham Lawther, Tricia MacLean (Rosie's Social Enterprises), Alison MacLeod, Grace Milne, Iain Ramsay, Sandy Reid, Julie Warrender and Teresa Waugh.

Apologies:- David Blackburn, Councillor Lee Fairfull, Jenny Gibb, Maggie Hepburn, Emma King, Phil Mackie and Judith McLenan.

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in the new venue of Marischal College. He thanked the Vice Chair for chairing the last meeting on 3 February 2026 and welcomed the new Depute Chief Finance Officer, Lakshmi Kudlur to her first meeting of the IJB.

The Chair noted the Active Ageing workshop that had taken place at the end of February 2026, bringing together representatives from social care and health, local communities and the third sector. He stated that it had explored ways to join up services and provide an even better experience to the people of Aberdeen in respect of ageing well by looking after physical and mental health, which was in keeping with the ACHSCP's preventative agenda. He looked forward to the development of the Ageing Well Action Plan which would be launched in the near future.

The Board resolved:-
to note the Chair's remarks.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

2. Members were requested to intimate any declarations of interest or transparency statements in respect of items on the agenda.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to note that the Chair advised that he had a connection in relation to all items on the agenda by virtue of (1) being a Member of the Diverse Experiences Advisory Panel, a named partner in the Scottish Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan; (2) the Depute Representative of said Group to the Scottish Government Mental Health and Wellbeing Leadership Board; (3) being an unpaid carer; and (4) his participation in a project with Dundee University investigating aspects of coding for chronic pain, however having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;
- (ii) to note that the Vice Chair advised that he had a connection in respect of agenda item 5.1 (Care and Repair Contract) as he was an Aberdeen City Council nominated Member on the Board of Care and Repair Aberdeen, however having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;
- (iii) to note that Ritchie Johnson advised that he had a connection in respect of agenda item 5.1 as he was a Board Member of Grampian Housing Association however having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting; and
- (iv) to note that Councillor Malik advised that he had a connection in respect of agenda item 4.2 (Budget 2026/27 and Medium-Term Financial Framework 2026/27 to 2030/31) as he had family members who worked for the NHS, however having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

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 report and appendices at item 5.1 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.

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VIDEO: WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 2026

4. Members watched a video in respect of World Social Work Day. The Chair and the Chief Officer - Adult Social Work, spoke about the significant contribution of the social work workforce to the health and social care system and thanked them for their professionalism, commitment and impact.

The Board resolved:-

to note the video.

BUDGET 2026/27 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2026/27 TO 2030/31 - HSCP.26.014

5. Prior to considering the report, the Chair stated that he wished to make a statement in respect of a Proposal that had been received from Councillor Malik specifically on the position of reserves. The Chair stated that the Proposal was received timeously and had been deemed by officers to be competent, however he had not accepted the Proposal under Standing Order 23.3 as in his opinion it was not materially different from the recommendations within the report. He advised that as Chair, it was his responsibility to ensure the smooth running of the meeting, but also to encourage all Members to contribute.

The Chair thanked (1) the Interim Chief Finance Officer and his team for their work in producing the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Framework; (2) the ACHSCP staff and portfolio and directorate leads; and (3) the 961 respondents to the public consultation whose input had helped streamline the decision making process.

The Board had before it the Budget 2026/27 and Medium-Term Financial Framework 2026/27 to 2030/31 prepared by the Interim Chief Finance Officer – ACHSCP, who introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

The report recommended:-

that the Board:

- (a) note that Partners had provided commitments to funding of £10.909m (NHS Grampian, £6.7m & Aberdeen City Council, £4.2m) on a one-off basis in 2025/26, and therefore this funding was being removed for 2026/27;
- (b) note that the IJB had requested that partners remain cautious of the demand and cost increases that exist within the wide range of IJB services; and that they prepare for the worst by allocating contingency funding to provide financial support in 2026/27 based on the Central Scenarios detailed at paragraph 4.8, while the IJB itself planned for a prudent and responsible balanced budget position for 2026/27 without the use of additional funding;

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- (c) note that Aberdeen City Council agreed its General Fund budget for 2026/27 on 4 March 2026, with a gross increase of £6.152m of funding for the IJB;
- (d) note that NHS Grampian Health Board would meet to agree their 2026/27 budget on 19 March 2026. This would include consideration of a gross increase of £5.287m for pay and non-pay elements, with a commitment to additional funding for GP contracts and to passport relevant specific grant funding, e.g. Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) funding confirmed by Scottish Government;
- (e) approve the proposed Revenue Budget for the 2026/27 financial year, as presented at paragraph 4.29 of the report, subject to changes required by any decisions arising from the NHS Grampian Health Board meeting on 19 March 2026;
- (f) approve, note and endorse the savings proposed of £14.5m to balance the budget for 2026/27, as detailed in paragraphs 4.21 To 4.28;
- (g) make the Directions at Appendix A to NHS Grampian and Appendix B to Aberdeen City Council and instruct the Chief Officer to issue the Directions to NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council respectively;
- (h) note that should the funds to be passed to the IJB not be approved by NHS Grampian Health Board, the IJB will convene an urgent meeting to reconsider its budget; and
- (i) approve the Medium-Term Financial Framework 2026/27 to 2030/31 as shown in Appendix C of the report.

At this juncture, Councillor Malik intimated that he did not agree with, or support, the recommendations for this item, as set out above, and in accordance with Standing Order 18.9, he expressed his dissent in relation to the matter.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to note that the Chair had not accepted Councillor Malik's Proposal;
- (ii) to note Councillor Malik's dissent; and
- (iii) to otherwise agree the recommendations.

**At this juncture and in accordance with the resolution at article 3 of the minute,
the meeting went into private session.**

CARE AND REPAIR CONTRACT - HSCP.26.015

6. The Board had before it a report prepared by the Lead for Strategy and Transformation seeking approval to put in place a contract with Care and Repair to provide advice and assistance with home repairs, improvements and adaptations for older and disabled residents in Aberdeen City.

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The report recommended:-

that the Board:

- (a) approve the award of a contract for 1 year from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 with the same terms and conditions as the previous contract with an option to extend for a period of a further 12 months;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer to undertake a comprehensive review of the service to confirm best value is being achieved or to identify improvements to the service specification/statement of requirements in advance of the contract expiry date;
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer to undertake market testing to identify whether alternative providers were available;
- (d) instruct the Chief Officer to revert to the IJB with the outcome of the service review and market testing with a proposal for the longer term contractual provision of a Care and Repair Service for Aberdeen City; and
- (e) make the Direction at Appendix E of the report and instruct the Chief Officer to issue it to Aberdeen City Council.

The Board resolved:-

to agree the recommendations.

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7. The Board had before it the date of the next IJB meeting of 12 May 2026.

The Board resolved:-

to note the date of the next IJB meeting.

- **HUSSEIN PATWA, Chair.**