

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Aim

- 1.1 To gain approval of the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board Code of Corporate Governance.

Background

- 2.1 The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is required to approve its Strategic Plan before 1 April 2016. The Strategic Plan will contain the date on which functions and resources are to be delegated to the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board, which must be by 1 April 2016 at the latest.
- 2.2 Although the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board exists as an entity from 1 April 2015, the Council and the Health Board cannot formally delegate their functions to the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board until the Strategic Plan is agreed.

Summary

- 3.1 On agreement of the Strategic Plan and the delegation of functions and resources to the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board, the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board will require its own Code of Corporate Governance.
- 3.2 The Code of Corporate Governance will be made up of a suite of documents, some of which you will have already seen. We have included some cover papers to the individual documents to assist in explaining their purpose.
- 3.3 It should be noted that the financial documents will also be included in the Code of Corporate Governance once approved.
- 3.4 The Code of Corporate Governance will be a live document subject to amendment and revision as the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board matures. It is proposed that as a minimum the Code of Corporate Governance be reviewed on an annual basis.
- 3.5 Where appropriate existing mechanisms embedded within both NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council will be used to provide assurance to the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board to ensure unnecessary double handling of business does not occur.

Recommendation

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **approve** the current suite of documents which form the Code of Corporate Governance for the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board.

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **approve** an annual review of the Code of Corporate Governance.

Policy/Strategy Implications	In compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and any consequential Regulations, Orders, Directions and Guidance.
Consultation	Not applicable.
Risk Assessment	As detailed within the papers.
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	An equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the arrangements for Joint Integration when agreed.
Resource/Staffing Implications	It is anticipated that the Integration Joint Board will oversee services which have a budget of over £100m, within the existing scope. The budget will change as other functions are brought within the scope of the Integration Joint Board.

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