

## **EMERGENCY POWERS**

### **Aim**

- 1.1 To seek approval to an amendment to the Standing Orders of the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board to include a provision of emergency powers.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **approve** the amendment to the Standing Orders to introduce emergency powers for decision making outside of formal Integration Joint Board meetings.

### **Background**

- 3.1 The Standing Orders encourage transparent and accountable decision making with sufficient provisions in place to ensure the smooth running of the Integration Joint Board, including arrangements for such matters as membership, chairing of meetings, notice of meetings and how voting will be carried out.
- 3.2 The Standing Orders were amended on 28 August 2017 by the inclusion of a change to the rotation period of the Chair and Vice Chair to two years.

### **Summary**

- 4.1 The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board currently holds no provision for an urgent decision to be taken outside a Board meeting or Audit Committee meeting. If a decision is required outwith the normal meeting cycle then an Extra Ordinary meeting is called which in the case of urgent issues can lead to a delay in decision making.
- 4.2 There are occasions where it may be necessary for a decision to be taken urgently which cannot wait for an ordinary or an extra ordinary meeting. As a result it is proposed to add a paragraph into the Standing Orders that will allow the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, to take decisions that are urgent and could not wait until the next meeting. To ensure appropriate oversight of this power the Standing Order does require the Chief Officer to report to the next meeting informing the Integration Joint Board or its committee of the action taken. It is not expected that this Standing Order will be required to be used regularly.
- 4.3 One amendment is recommended for inclusion to the Standing Orders in regard to emergency powers on Page 11, Item 25 (Appendix A attached). *“If a decision which would normally be made by the Integration Joint Board or its Committee, requires to be made urgently between meetings of the Integration Joint Board or Committee, the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, may take action, subject to the matter being reported to the next meeting of the integration Joint Board or Committee.”*

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	The Standing Orders of the Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board are set up in accordance with
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	the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
<b>Consultation</b>	None.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Delay to decision making.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	Compliant
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	None.

**Approved by**

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