

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care  
Integration Joint Board



Meeting Date: ...28 May 2018.....

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**AUTHORISATION TO SIGN OFF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2017/18**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To seek agreement that Mr David Robertson as the Chief Financial Officer for Scottish Borders Council should sign off the Integration Joint Board Annual Accounts for 2017/18.
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>The Health &amp; Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to:</p> <p>a) Consider and agree that Mr David Robertson as Chief Financial Officer of Scottish Borders Council should sign off the Integration Joint Board (IJB) Annual Accounts 2017/18 in the current absence of a Section 95 Officer for the IJB.</p>
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<b>Personnel:</b>	<p>The Chief Financial Officer post remains vacant.</p> <p>Mitigating actions have been put in place whereby the position is being covered by both the Section 95 Officer for Scottish Borders Council (Mr David Robertson) and the Director of Finance, NHS Borders (Mrs Carol Gillie).</p> <p>It has been suggested that Mr David Robertson be identified to undertake the Section 95 Officer role for the IJB for the purposes of signing off the Integration Joint Board Annual Accounts 2017/18.</p>
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<b>Carers:</b>	N/A
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<b>Equalities:</b>	N/A
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<b>Financial:</b>	The Chief Financial Officer is the accountable officer for financial management, governance and administration of the IJB. This includes accountability to the IJB for the planning, development and delivery of the IJB's financial strategy and responsibility for the provision of strategic financial advice and support to the IJB
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	<p>and the Chief Officer.</p> <p>The Chief Financial Officer is to promote sound financial management by the IJB to ensure public funds are safeguarded and used appropriately, effectively, economically and efficiently at all times.</p>
Legal:	<p>Section 13 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 amends the Local Government (Scotland ) Act 1973, by extending the application of Part 7 of the 1973 Act (with the exception of sections 101A and 105A) to Integration Joint Boards. Under that provision, the Integration Joint Board requires to appoint a “proper officer” (Chief Financial Officer) who has responsibility for the administration of the financial affairs of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) in terms of section 95 of the 1973.</p>
Risk Implications:	<p>None compliance with Section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland ) Act 1973.</p> <p>Inability of the Integration Joint Board to approve its Annual Accounts for 2017/18.</p>