
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	23 January 2025
Report By:	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services	Report No:	LS/002/25
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Subject:	Appointment of Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to appoint the Vice Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (“IJB”).
- 1.3 The Integration Scheme between the Council and the NHS Board sets out the local arrangements for the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB. Councillor Moran stepped down as Chair of the IJB as a result of being appointed as Leader of the Council on 5 December 2024. It has been agreed that the NHS Board will take over the Chair of the IJB from January 2025 and so the next Vice Chair of the IJB is to be a member appointed on the nomination of the Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council appoints Councillor Brennan as the Vice Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Council notes the current membership of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board as follows:

Councillor Brennan with Councillor Clocherty as proxy;
Councillor Jackson with Councillor Hellyer as proxy;
Councillor Quinn with Councillor McKenzie as proxy;
Councillor Reynolds with Councillor Robertson as proxy.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Inverclyde Integration Joint Board was established by Parliamentary Order on 27 June 2015 following approval of the Inverclyde Integration Scheme by the Scottish Ministers and has been fully operational since August 2015. The approved Integration Scheme between the Council and Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board states that the Council shall appoint four voting representatives to serve the IJB.
- 3.2 The current membership of the IJB was confirmed by Inverclyde Council on 5 December 2024 and as follows:
- Councillor Brennan with Councillor Clocherty as proxy;
Councillor Jackson with Councillor Hellyer as proxy;
Councillor Quinn with Councillor McKenzie as proxy;
Councillor Reynolds with Councillor Robertson as proxy.
- 3.3 The Integration Scheme and the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (“the Order”) also make provision for the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB. Article 4 of the Order provides for the Chair to be appointed by the NHS Board or the Council from among the voting members nominated by the NHS Board and the Council. The Vice Chair is appointed by the authority who did not appoint the Chair.
- 3.4 In terms of the Order, the appointment to Chair and Vice Chair must alternate regularly. Paragraph 2.2 of the Integration Scheme states that the Chair and Vice Chair positions will rotate every two years between the NHS Board and the Council, with the Chair being from one party and the Vice Chair from the other.
- 3.5 The Order also states that the NHS Board or the Council may change the person appointed by them as Chair or Vice Chair during an appointing period.

4.0 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

- 4.1 The position of Chair of the IJB has been held by a Council nominee, Councillor Moran, since June 2023. This two-year term of office is due to finish at the end of June 2025. As Councillor Moran recently stepped down from the IJB following his appointment as Leader of the Council on 5 December 2024, it has been proposed that the Chair of the IJB will rotate early to the NHS Board. This means that the position of Chair of the IJB is now to be held by a NHS Board nominee and the position of Vice Chair is now to be held by a Council nominee.
- 4.2 It is recommended that Councillor Brennan is appointed as Vice Chair of the IJB.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Council notes the arrangements for appointing the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB, appoints Councillor Brennan as Vice Chair of the IJB and notes the current Council membership of the IJB as detailed at paragraph 3.2.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		X
Legal/Risk	X	
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

6.2 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.3 Legal/Risk

The Order makes provision for the persons who must be included in the membership of the IJB and their terms of office, this includes a set number of Elected Members nominated by the Local Authority. The appointment of Vice Chair as set out in this report will comply with the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, the Order and the Integration Scheme.

6.4 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications.

6.5 Strategic

There are no strategic plan implications.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 N/A