
Report To:	Inverclyde Integration Joint Board	Date:	10th August 2015
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Subject:	APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Appointment of the Integration Joint Board's Chief Finance Officer.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Section 13 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 states the equipment for the Integration Joint Board to formally appoint a Chief Finance Officer.

2.2 The Integration Joint Board is required to appoint a Chief Finance Officer as a proper officer who has responsibility for the administration of its financial affairs in terms of s.95 of the 1973 Act. That proper officer will be the Chief Finance Officer.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Integration Joint Board formally appoints Lesley Bairden as its Chief Finance Officer.

3.2 To note that this is a short term appointment.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 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. Accordingly, the Integration Joint Board requires to appoint a proper officer who has responsibility for the administration of its financial affairs in terms of s.95 of the 1973 Act. That proper officer will be the Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board.
- 4.2 The Chief Finance Officer is accountable to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for the planning, development and delivery of the IJB's financial strategy; is responsible for the provision of strategic financial advice and support to the Integration Joint Board and Chief Officer, and for the financial administration and financial governance of the Integration Joint Board.
- 4.3 The Chief Finance Officer is the Accountable Officer for financial management and administration of the Integration Joint Board. The Chief Finance Officer's responsibility includes assuring probity and sound corporate governance and has responsibility for achieving Best Value.
- 4.4 The Chief Finance Officer is a key member of the Senior Management Team, helping it to plan, develop and implement business strategy and to resource and deliver the Integration Joint Board's strategic objectives sustainably and in the public interest.
- 4.5 The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for developing the financial strategy of the IJB and must be actively involved in, and able to bring influence to bear on all material business decisions to ensure immediate and longer term financial implications, opportunities and risks are fully considered, and alignment with the Integration Joint Board's financial strategy. The Chief Finance Officer must lead the promotion and delivery by the Integration Joint Board of good financial management so that public money is safeguarded at all times and used appropriately, economically, efficiently and effectively. The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for creating, in conjunction with the Council Section 95 Officer and Health Board Director of Finance, a collaborative arrangement.
- 4.6 During the first year of the Integration Joint Board, the Chief Officer and the Chief Finance Officer will develop the funding requirements for the Integrated Budget in 2016/17 based on the Strategic Plan. Following the determination of the amounts to be paid by the Council and NHS Board, the Integration Joint Board will refine the Strategic Plan to take account of the resources available.
- 4.7 The appointment will be made on a short term basis as the nominee is due to take up a position in another partnership area. Pending the appointment of a replacement Chief Finance Officer, support will be made available from Greater Glasgow and Clyde Corporate Finance Team regarding Chief Finance Officer functions and health related budgets.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

FINANCE

- 5.1 Financial Implications: There are no financial issues within this report.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend	Virement From	Other Comments
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			this Report £000		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

LEGAL

5.2 There are no legal issues within this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.3 There are no human resources issues within this report.

EQUALITIES

5.4 There are no equality issues within this report.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES (see attached appendix)

NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

REPOPULATION

5.5 There are no repopulation issues within this report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014