



<b>Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	Integration Joint Board
<b>Held on</b>	10 August 2022
<b>Agenda Item</b>	13
<b>Title</b>	Annual Update: Integration Joint Boards Category 1 Responders under Civil Contingencies Act 2004
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>To provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with information about the inclusion of IJB's as Category 1 Responders in terms of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and an outline of the requirements that this involves.</p>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer
<p><b>Action Required</b></p> <p>The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the report.</p>	
<p><b>Directions</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Directions Required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Directions to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Directions to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Directions to both ERC and NHSGGC</p>	<p><b>Implications</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Finance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Policy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Workforce</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Equalities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fairer Scotland Duty</p>

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## EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

10 August 2022

Report by Chief Officer

### ANNUAL UPDATE: INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD CATEGORY 1 RESPONDERS UNDER CIVIL CONTINGENCIES ACT 2004

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of the report is to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with assurance on the resilience arrangements in place to discharge the duties on the IJB as Category 1 Responders.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the report.

#### **BACKGROUND**

3. In September 2020, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport wrote to confirm the intention of the Scottish Government to pass legislation to include Integration Joint Boards as Category 1 Responders under Schedule 2 of the Civil Contingencies Act, 2004. The Act was amended to include IJBs as Category 1 responders with effect from 18 March 2021.
4. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA), is supplemented by the Contingency Planning (Scotland) Regulations 2005 and "Preparing Scotland" Guidance. Taken together the law and guidance provides a consistent and resilient approach to emergency planning, response and recovery which responders have used to develop good practice.
5. The Act placed new duties and responsibilities on organisations. It defines an emergency as:
  - an event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare;
  - an event or situation which threatens serious damage to the environment;
  - war, or terrorism, which threatens serious damage to the security of the UK.
6. The Act divides responders to an emergency into two categories, depending on the extent of their involvement in civil protection work.
7. IJBs are now Category 1 Responders. These are the organisations at the core of an emergency response:
  - Local authorities
  - Police (including British Transport Police)
  - Fire and Rescue Services
  - The Scottish Ambulance Service
  - National Health Boards
  - The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
  - Maritime and Coastguard Agency

## REPORT

8. Prior to the change in legislation the Health and Social Care Partnerships had been contributing to local emergency and resilience planning with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and East Renfrewshire Council. Both partners have established governance arrangements in place to enable them to meet the duties under the Act. East Renfrewshire HSCP continues to actively to contribute to both partners emergency planning and response activity.
9. There are 3 Regional Resilience Partnerships in Scotland (West, East and North). East Renfrewshire is part of the West of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership (WoSRRP). RPs bring together the organisations involved in dealing with emergencies to plan for and respond to all kinds of emergencies. These multi-agency groups have plans in place to respond to all kinds of events and are regularly tested in joint exercises and during real emergencies. As IJBs are now category 1 responders, Senior HSCP officers are also now attendees at these meetings.
10. There is also a Local Resilience Partnership (LRP) which covers all partners and sits under the WoSRRP. This is where the majority of our training and exercises are carried out. The LRP covers East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire, West Dunbartonshire and Inverclyde, which is the same geographical area covered by the Civil Contingencies Service.
11. The HSCP has a Business Continuity plan in place which is supplemented by service specific business impact assessments. During times of emergency response the HSCP establishes the Local Resilience Management Team which is comprised of officers from across the partnership. Over the coming months the HSCP Business Continuity plan and business impact assessments are due to be reviewed and updated, this will enable learning from the pandemic to be incorporated into the revised plans.
12. In the last year there has been no requirement for the IJB to respond as a category 1 responder to an emergency.

## CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

13. Integration Joint Boards were offered the opportunity to participate in a consultation in relation to legislative changes to include Integration Joint Boards as Category 1 Responders under Schedule 2 of the Civil Contingencies Act, 2004.

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

### Risk

14. The inclusion of IJB's as Category 1 responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 means that East Renfrewshire IJB has identified duties. There is a risk that these duties are not met. The HSCP will monitor progress towards meeting the requirement of the Act and therefore mitigating the areas of risk and will continue to provide further detail to the IJB through an Annual Report.

## DIRECTIONS

15. There are no directions arising from this report.

## CONCLUSIONS

16. The purpose of the report is to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with assurance on the resilience arrangements in place to discharge the duties on the IJB as Category 1 Responders.
17. As activity is likely to be by exception, we propose to include the annual assurance within our Annual Governance Statement which is part of the Annual Report and Accounts. In the event we are required to respond, the Integration Joint Board would be briefed at the time of any incident.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the report.

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

23 Jun 2021: Item 11. Inclusion of IJBs as Category 1 Responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004

[https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/5722/IJB-Item-11-23-June-2021/pdf/IJB\\_Item\\_11\\_-\\_23\\_June\\_2021.pdf?m=637590085623570000](https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/5722/IJB-Item-11-23-June-2021/pdf/IJB_Item_11_-_23_June_2021.pdf?m=637590085623570000)

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2005

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2005/494/made/data.pdf>

[Government Response to the Consultation to include Integration Joint Boards and Category 1 Responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004](#)

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