

AGENDA ITEM No. 15



Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board
Held on	31 January 2024
Agenda Item	15
Title	Appointment of Standards Officer
Summary	
This report seeks approval of the appointment of a replacement Standards Officer for the Integration Joint Board.	
Presented by	Julie Murray, Chief Officer
Action Required	
The Integration Joint Board is asked to nominate for approval by the Standards Commission, Barry Tudhope, Democratic Services Manager, East Renfrewshire Council as the Standards Officer for the Integration Joint Board.	
Directions	Implications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Directions Required <input type="checkbox"/> Directions to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) <input type="checkbox"/> Directions to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) <input type="checkbox"/> Directions to both ERC and NHSGGC	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce <input type="checkbox"/> Equalities <input type="checkbox"/> Risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Fairer Scotland Duty

EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**31 January 2024****Report by Chief Officer****APPOINTMENT OF STANDARDS OFFICER****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To recommend that the Integration Joint Board nominates for approval by the Standards Commission a Standards Officer to comply with the requirements of the Ethical Standards legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Integration Joint Board is asked to nominates for approval by the Standards Commission, Barry Tudhope, Democratic Services Manager, East Renfrewshire Council as the Standards Officer for the IJB.

BACKGROUND

3. The Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003 require devolved public bodies to have a Standards Officer. The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act (Consequential Amendments and Savings) Order 2015 has determined that Integration Joint Boards are devolved public bodies for the purposes of the Ethical Standards legislation and accordingly the IJB needs to make arrangements to have a Standards Officer.

REPORT

4. In March 2023, the Board agreed to nominate Colin Sweeney, Democratic Services Manager as Standards Officer for the Board. The nomination was subsequently approved by the Board.
5. Mr Sweeney left the Council on 3 December 2023 and so it is necessary for the Board to nominate a replacement. Mr Sweeney's successor at East Renfrewshire Council is Barry Tudhope. Barry Tudhope will continue to provide the secretariat function for the Board and accordingly it is recommended that he also be nominated as Standards Officer.

CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7. Consultation has taken place with the Council's Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement, Gerry Mahon. Mr Mahon is the Council's Monitoring Officer, that role having similar responsibilities in relation to Councillors as the Standards Officer has for members of the IJB.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS.Legal

8. Failure to appoint a Standards Officer breaches the requirement as prescribed in the legislation.
9. There are no implications in terms of finance, policy, workforce, infrastructure, or equalities.

CONCLUSIONS

10. The Board has to comply with the requirements of the 2003 Regulations to appoint a Standards Officer. Barry Tudhope's appointment will ensure that the Board is not in breach of the requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

11. That the Integration Joint Board nominates for approval by the Standards Commission, Barry Tudhope, Democratic Services Manager, East Renfrewshire Council as the Standards Officer for the IJB.

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10 January 2024

BACKGROUND PAPERS

IJB Paper 29 March 2023 – Appointment of Standards Officer

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/8933/IJB-Item-14-29-March-2023/pdf/IJB_Item_14_-_29_March_2023.pdf?m=638146518642970000

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