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ABERDEEN CITY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

STANDING ORDERS

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1. Introduction

- (1) The Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board ("the IJB") comprises voting representatives of Aberdeen City Council ("the Council") and the Grampian NHS Board ("the NHS Board") ("the constituent authorities") with non-voting advisory representatives.
- (2) These standing orders are made under The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and subordinate legislation and any provision, regulation or direction issued by Scottish Ministers shall have precedence over anything written here in the event of any conflict.

2. Membership

- (1) The IJB shall include the following voting members:-
 - (a) Four councillors nominated by the Council; and
 - (b) Four members nominated by the NHS Board, of whom three shall be non-executive directors and one an executive director.
- (2) The IJB shall include the following non-voting members, with those at (e),(f) and (g) to be appointed by the NHS Board:-
 - (a) The Council's Chief Social Work Officer;
 - (b) The IJB Chief Officer;
 - (c) The IJB Chief Finance Officer appointed under S95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
 - (d) A registered medical practitioner on the list of primary medical services performers prepared by the NHS Board;
 - (e) A registered nurse employed by the NHS Board or by a person or body with which the NHS Board has a contract; and
 - (f) A registered medical practitioner employed by the NHS Board and not providing primary medical services;
 - (g) A Public Health Consultant employed by the NHS Board.
- (3) The IJB must appoint, in addition, at least one member from each of the following groups:-
 - (a) Staff of the constituent authorities providing services under integration functions, of whom one shall be a trade union representative and one a partnership representative;
 - (b) Third sector bodies carrying out activities related to health or social care in the Council area;

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- (c) Service users living in the Council area; and
- (d) People providing unpaid care in the Council area.





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(4) The IJB may appoint such additional members as it sees fit, but such members shall not be councillors or non-executive NHS Board members.

3. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

- (1) The Chair shall be appointed by one of the constituent authorities for an appointing period not exceeding two years.
- (2) The Council and the NHS Board shall alternate which of them shall appoint the Chair in each successive appointing period.
- (3) The constituent authority which does not appoint the Chair must appoint the Vice Chair for that appointing period.
- (4) The constituent authority may change the person appointed by that authority as Chair or Vice Chair during the appointing period for the remaining period.
- (5) The constituent authorities may only appoint from their membership set out under paragraph 2(1)(a) and (b) above. An appointee of the NHS Board must be a non-executive member.

4. Term of Office of Members

- (1) The term of office of IJB members shall be such period as the IJB shall determine which shall not exceed three years.
- (2) A member appointed under paragraphs 2 (2) (a) (c) above shall remain a member for as long as they hold the office in respect of which they are appointed.
- (3) At the end of a term of office set out under paragraph (1) above, a member may be reappointed for a further term of office.
- (4) This paragraph is subject to paragraphs 6 (resignation of members) and 7 (removal of members) below.

5. Disqualification

(1) A person is disqualified from being a member of an integration joint board where the conditions specified in Article 8, paragraph (2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014





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are met, relating to conviction of a criminal offence, removal or dismissal for disciplinary reasons from paid employment or office with a Health Board or local authority, insolvency, removal from a register maintained by a regulatory body unless voluntary, or being subject to a sanction under section 19(1)(b) - (e) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000. The definitions of "insolvency", "regulatory body" and "voluntary" are those given in the Order referred to in this paragraph.

6. Resignation of Members

- (1) A member may resign their membership of the IJB at any time by giving the IJB notice in writing.
- (2) A voting member of the IJB must inform the constituent authority which nominated them.
- (3) This section does not apply to the non-voting members listed in section 2 a to g.
- (4) Other non-voting members of the Board shall hold office during each three-year period until they are replaced by the appropriate nominating body.

7. Removal of Members

- (1) If a member has not attended three consecutive meetings of the IJB and/or its sub-committees, and such absence is not due to illness or other reasonable cause as the Board may determine, the IJB may remove that member from office by providing them with one month's notice in writing.
- (2) If a member acts so as to bring the IJB into disrepute or in a way which is inconsistent with the proper performance of the IJB's functions or the Code of Conduct for Members of the ACHSCP, the IJB may remove that member from office with effect from such date as it may specify in writing.
- (3) If a member is disqualified during a term of office for a reason referred to in paragraph 5(1) above, they are to be removed from office immediately.
- (4) Where a Council or NHS Board member ceases for any reason to be a Councillor or an NHS Board member during the term of office, they are to be removed from office with effect from the day on which they cease to be a councillor.





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(5) Subject to the above paragraphs, a constituent authority may remove a member which it nominated by providing one month's notice in writing to the member and to the IJB.

8. Standing Orders

- (1) All meetings of the IJB and its committees shall be regulated by these standing orders, which the IJB may amend as it so determines except that all requirements of The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 in relation to standing orders shall be met.
- (2) Any amendments to these standing orders shall be effective from the meeting following the one at which the changes were agreed.
- (3) Except where prohibited by statute, it shall be competent for any member at any time during a meeting to move the suspension of the whole or any specified part of these standing orders. Such a motion shall, if seconded, be put to the vote immediately without discussion.
- (4) A two thirds majority of voting members in attendance shall be required to suspend standing orders. For the avoidance of doubt, if the figure is not a whole number it shall be rounded up.
- (5) Standing orders shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.
- (6) Non-material amendments can be made to Standing Orders by the Chief Officer, following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB, without the requirement to report to Board. Members shall be notified once such amendments have been completed.

9. Calling Meetings

- (1) The Chair may call a meeting of the IJB at such times as they see fit.
- (2) A request for a special meeting of the IJB to be called may be made by a requisition signed by at least five of the voting members, which shall specify the business proposed to be transacted and which shall be presented to the Chair.
- (3) If the Chair refuses to call a meeting requisitioned under the above paragraph or does not call a meeting within seven days after the making





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of the request, the members who signed the requisition may call the meeting.

- (4) The business to be transacted at any requisitioned meeting shall be limited to the business specified in the requisition.
- (5) The IJB's annual calendar of meetings shall run from 1 April to 31 March of the following calendar year. A schedule of meetings shall be approved by the Board prior to 1 April of the new meeting year.

10. Notice of Meetings

- (1) Prior to each meeting of the IJB or one of its committees, a notice of meeting specifying the time, place and business to be transacted at it signed by the Chair or a member authorised to act on the Chair's behalf, shall be sent electronically to every member or sent to the usual place of residence of every member, so as to be available to them at least 7 calendar days before the meeting.
- (2) A failure to serve notice of a meeting on a member in accordance with the paragraph above shall not affect the validity of anything done at the meeting.
- (3) In the case of a meeting of the IJB called by members, the notice is to be signed by the members who requisitioned the meeting in accordance with paragraph 9(4) above.
- (4) The provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 shall apply to meetings of the IJB.
- (5) In the event that an item of business has to be considered on an urgent basis, a meeting of the Board may be called at 48 hours' notice by the Chair following consultation with the Vice Chair and Chief Officer. The Urgent Business meeting would retain all the IJB's functions and powers, and these standing orders would apply.
- (6) If the office of Chair is vacant or the Chair is unable to act for any reason the Vice Chair may at any time call an Urgent Business meeting following consultation with the Chief Officer.

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11. Remote Attendance





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- (1) Subject to the Member notifying the Clerk at least 2 hours (or, if this is not possible, as soon as practicable) in advance of the meeting and availability of suitable facilities, the Chair (whom failing, the Vice Chair) may direct that any Member who is unable to attend, or cannot reasonably be expected to attend, a meeting in person may participate from a remote location by video or other communication link. For the avoidance of any doubt, such participation includes voting. A Member remotely participating in this way is referred to in this Standing Order as a "Remote Member".
- (2) Where the Chair is participating remotely, the Vice Chair will take the Chair, except in respect of Standing Order 11.7 where the Chair will take the Chair.
 - a. The Member chairing the meeting must be physically present at the meeting venue, therefore where both the Chair and Vice Chair are participating remotely or have sent apologies, Members present at the meeting venue will appoint a Chair to chair the meeting from amongst their number.
 - b. In the event that no agreement is reached between those Members present, the decision will be taken by means of a procedural motion.
- (3) Remote Members will be counted for the purposes of determining whether there is a quorum.
- (4) A Remote Member will cast their vote as if participating in a roll call vote.
- (5) Any Remote Member who has declared an interest in an item and withdrawn must pause/exit the video/communication link whilst the item is being considered. The Clerk will inform/re-invite the Remote Member (whether by email or otherwise) when to re-start the link and resume their participation.
- (6) Any Remote Member must confirm that they are in a secure private location, and that no-one else is able to hear or view the proceedings from the device being used by that Remote Member, before they can participate in the Committee's consideration of any confidential and/or exempt item of business.





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- (7) In exceptional circumstances, the Chair (whom failing, the Vice Chair) may direct that a meeting shall be conducted solely by means of the participation of Remote Members. Such a direction may be made during a meeting or otherwise.
- (8) The Guidance for attending remote meetings via Microsoft Teams is found in Appendix A below.

12. Business

- (1) The notice of meeting shall include an agenda of items of business which shall be considered in the order in which they are listed except where the Chair, at his or her discretion, may determine otherwise.
- (2) Except where required by statute, no item of business shall be considered at a meeting unless a copy of the agenda including the item of business and any associated report has been open in advance to inspection by members of the public in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 or, by reason of special circumstances which shall be recorded in the minute, the Chair is of the opinion that the item should be considered as a matter of urgency and at such stage of the meeting as the Chairperson shall determine.

13. Reports by Officers

- (1) Reports must be produced in draft to the following officers for consultation in accordance with the published timetable prior to being accepted onto the IJB final agenda:-
 - (a) Chair of the IJB;
 - (b) Vice Chair of the IJB;
 - (c) Chief Officer, ACHSCP;
 - (d) Chief Finance Officer, ACHSCP;
 - (e) Chief Social Work Officer, ACC;
 - (f) Chief Executive, ACC;
 - (g) Chief Executive, NHSG;
 - (h) Chief Officer Finance, ACC;
 - (i) Director of Finance, NHSG;
 - (j) Chief Officer Governance, ACC; and
 - (k) Clerk to the IJB.





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(2) Aberdeen City Council's Leader(s) and Convener of the City Growth and Resources Committee shall be consulted on draft reports relating to the IJB Budget in line with the requirements of the IJB Budget Protocol.

14. Quorum

(1) No business is to be transacted at a meeting of the IJB unless at least one half of the voting members is present, being two voting members of each constituent authority.

15. Conduct of Meetings

- (1) At each meeting of the IJB, or one of its committees, the Chair of the Board or Committee, if present, shall preside.
- (2) If the Chair is absent from a meeting of the IJB the Vice Chair shall preside.
- (3) If the Chair and Vice Chair are both absent from a meeting of the IJB, a voting member chosen at the meeting by the other voting members attending the meeting shall preside.
- (4) No Vice Chairs shall be appointed to IJB committees. In the event that the Chair of a committee is absent, a voting member chosen at the meeting by other voting members attending the meeting shall preside.
- (5) If it is necessary or expedient to do so a meeting of the IJB, or of a committee, may be adjourned to another date, time or place.
- (6) The provision of paragraph 15(5) shall not apply when the Board or committee had entered private session in which exempt or confidential business would be considered.
- (7) No filming, recording or use of cameras shall be permitted without the Board's prior consent.
- (8) Following the introduction of an item of business by the Chair, all members shall be entitled to ask questions and discuss the item as openly as possible.





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- (9) When, in the opinion of the Chair, members have had a reasonable opportunity to consider the item of business, the Chair shall move to a determination of the matter.
- (10) Every effort shall be made by members to ensure that as many decisions as possible are made by consensus.
- (11) The Board shall schedule a dedicated budget meeting to consider and agree the IJB budget and adhere to the provisions set out in the IJB Budget Protocol.
- (12) Clerking support to the IJB and its sub committees shall be provided by Aberdeen City Council.

16. Power and Duties of Chair

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Chair:-
 - (a) To preserve order and ensure that any member wishing to speak is given due opportunity to do so and to a fair hearing;
 - (b) To call members to speak according to the order in which they caught his/her eye;
 - (c) To decide on all matters of order, competency and relevancy;
 - (d) To ensure that the sense of the meeting is duly determined; and
 - (e) If requested by any member, to ask the mover of a motion or amendment to state its terms.
- (2) The Chair shall have authority to determine all non-substantive procedural matters during Board meetings following consultation with the Clerk, excepting the suspension of standing orders as outlined in paragraph 8(3).
- (3) The ruling of the Chair on all matters in these standing orders shall be final.
- (4) Deference shall at all times be paid to the authority of the Chair, the Chair shall be heard without interruption and all members shall address the Chair when speaking.

17. Conflict of Interest

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- (1) A member must disclose any direct or indirect pecuniary interest or other interest in relation to an item of business to be transacted at a meeting of the IJB, or of one of its committees, before taking part in any discussion on that item.
- (2) Where an interest is disclosed under the above paragraph, the member disclosing the interest is to decide whether, in the circumstances, it is appropriate for that member to take part in discussion of or voting on the item of business.







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18. Minutes

- (1) Draft Minutes from the IJB's sub-committees will be presented to the IJB for noting.
- (2) A record must be kept of the names of the members attending every meeting of the IJB or of one of its committees.
- (3) Minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the IJB or a committee, including any decision made at that meeting, are to be drawn up and submitted to the subsequent meeting of the IJB or the committee for agreement after which they must be signed by the person presiding at that meeting.

19. Alteration or Revocation of Previous Decision

- (1) No decision of the IJB shall be altered or revoked within six months of it having been taken unless a recommendation to that effect is approved by the IJB, and any such alteration or revocation shall have no retrospective effect.
- 20. Voting
 - (1) In the event that the Board had been unable to reach a decision after following the procedure outlined between paragraph 14(8) 14(10), and a vote is required, the provisions of this paragraph shall apply.
 - (2) Each motion put to a meeting of the IJB shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those members attending and entitled to vote.
 - (3) Motions and amendments thereto shall be moved and seconded. Movers shall be entitled to speak for ten minutes and all other members, including movers when summing up at the conclusion of debate, shall be entitled to speak for five minutes. No member shall speak more than once in debate, except the mover when summing up, and shall only move, second or support a motion or related amendment. A member shall be entitled, however, to ask a question.
 - (4) Votes shall be taken by roll call except where an electronic voting system is available, in which case it shall be used in preference to any other method.
 - (5) If the members of the IJB agree unanimously prior to a vote on any particular matter, a vote may be taken by a show of hands.





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- (6) Where there is a tied vote, there shall be no casting vote afforded to the Chair or to any other member or group of members and in that event:-
 - (i) The Chair shall, call on the Chief Officer to outline the consequences of each potential outcome, to provide such clarification that may be appropriate or requested and to set out the ramifications to the IJB of withdrawing the matter and maintaining the status quo and, thereafter, to make a recommendation.
 - (ii) The Chair shall then immediately without further discussion call for a show of hands on the motion that is before the meeting.
 - (iii) If the result remains a tie, the Chair may:
 (a) call a recess of the meeting for such period as the Chair thinks fit to allow members to further consider matters and once the meeting is reconvened defer to (ii) above; or,
 (b) suspend further discussion on the issue of contention and defer the matter to the next meeting of the IJB; or
 (c) where the Chair is of the view that a special meeting of the IJB requires to be convened in conversion with Standing Order 10.5

requires to be convened in accordance with Standing Order 10.5, suspend further discussion on the issue of contention and defer the matter to that special meeting.

- (iv) Where, in the event that following the recess in terms of Standing Order (iii) (a) there is still a tied vote, the Chair shall, at his discretion, either; call a further recess in terms of the said Standing Order (iii) or chose to proceed with either option in terms of Standing Order (iii) (b) or Standing Order (iii) (c).
- (v) Once the meeting is reconvened in accordance with (iv) above and the matter has been discussed in terms of Standing Order 14, the Chair shall call for a show of hands in terms of Standing Order (ii). In the event of a tied vote the Chair shall determine whether the matters should be deferred in terms of Standing Order 6(iii) (b) or Standing Order (iii) (c). Where this is the case, he shall direct the Chief Officer to provide such clarification that may be appropriate or requested and to set out the ramifications to the IJB of withdrawing the matter and maintaining the status quo and bring that back to a future meeting.





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- (vi) At a future meeting of the IJB in accordance with Standing Order (19)()(iii)(b) and (c), the matter shall be discussed in terms of the procedure set out in Standing Order 14 and the Chair shall invite members to vote in accordance with 19(4) above.
 - (a) If there remains-a tied vote the Chair shall direct the Chief Officer to provide such clarification that may be appropriate or requested together with the options available to the IJB, including an outline of the ramifications of remaining with the status quo and invoking the dispute procedure under the Integration Scheme.

(b)The Chair shall invite members to consider and discuss these options in terms of Standing Order 14 and vote in accordance with 19(4) above on the issue.

(c)In the event of a further tied vote, a vote will be put to members on whether to withdraw the matter, have status quo apply or determine that the dispute procedure under the Integration Scheme may be invoked.

21. Substitutes

- (1) A voting member who is unable to attend a meeting of the IJB or its subcommittees shall insofar as possible arrange for a suitably experienced substitute, who is a member of the appropriate constituent authority, to attend in their place with voting rights.
- (2) A non-voting member who is unable to attend a meeting of the IJB may arrange for a suitable substitute to attend the meeting in their place.
- (3) Where the Chair or Vice Chair is unable to attend a meeting of the IJB, any substitute attending in their place shall not preside over the meeting.

22. Temporary Vacancies in Voting Membership

(1) Where there is a temporary vacancy in the voting membership of the IJB, the vote which would otherwise have been cast by the member appointed to that vacancy may be cast by the other members nominated by the appropriate constituent authority.





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- (2) Where, because of temporary vacancies, the number of members nominated by a constituent authority is one or zero and that constituent authority is to appoint the Chair, the Chair must be appointed temporarily by the other constituent authority.
- (3) Where a temporary vacancy, or the temporary appointment of the Chair in the circumstances set out in the paragraph above, persists for more than six months, the Chair of the IJB must notify the Scottish Ministers in writing of the reasons why the vacancy remains unfilled.
- (4) The Chief Officer shall determine an item of urgent business in consultation with the Chair/Vice Chair of the IJB and the Chief Executives of Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian during the period between the date of a Local Government Election and the appointment of voting members by Aberdeen City Council when the IJB does not have a quorum of members - on the basis that any such action shall be reported to the next meeting of the IJB as an item on the agenda.

23. Effect of Vacancy in Membership

(1) A vacancy in the membership of the IJB will not invalidate anything done by or any decision of the IJB.

24. Expenses

(1) The IJB may pay the reasonable travel and other expenses of members where incurred by them in connection with their membership of the IJB, where this is in accordance with the IJB Expenses Policy.

25. Committees

- (1) The IJB may establish such committees as it may determine for the undertaking of its functions.
- (2) The IJB must appoint the Chair of each committee it establishes for an appointing period not exceeding three years.
- (3) The IJB may change the person appointed as Chair during the appointing period for the remainder of that period.

(4) The Board Chair/Vice Chair shall not chair an IJB Committee.





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- (5) The IJB shall appoint two voting members from each constituent authority to serve on each committee to ensure equal representation.
- (6) Any decision of a committee must be agreed by a majority of the votes cast by the voting members of that committee.
- (7) The IJB may alter the Terms of Reference of any committee at any time.
- (8) All IJB members shall be entitled to receive committee papers and an open invitation shall be extended to members to attend Committee meetings.
- (9) The level of participation for non-committee members in these proceedings shall be at the discretion of the committee Chair, though non-committee members may not propose or second a motion or amendment, or vote.
- (10) Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with IJB standing orders.
- (11) Following agreement from a majority of members, a committee may refer or escalate an item of business to the next IJB meeting for consideration. The Clerk of the committee shall make the necessary arrangements.

26. General Powers of IJB

(1) The IJB may enter into a contract with any other person for the provision of goods and services for the purpose of undertaking the functions conferred on it by the Act, including but not limited to administrative support, accounting or legal services.

27. Register of Interests and Code of Conduct

- (1) The Standards Officer shall keep and maintain a Register, which shall be open to public examination, in which all members shall record their interests and hospitality offered by virtue of their membership of the IJB. The Standards Officer shall be the officer so designated by the Standards Commission, following a nomination by the IJB.
- (2) All members shall be bound by the terms of the Model Code of Conduct for Devolved Public Bodies, provided for under the Ethical Standards in





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Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000. Members should not accept any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for any action or inaction in relation to the IJB as to do so could result in that member having committed an offence under the Bribery Act 2010.

28. Admission of Press and Public

- (1) The Public must be excluded from a meeting when an item of business is being considered and it is likely that, if the Public were present, Confidential Information would be disclosed to them in breach of an obligation of confidence in terms of section 50A(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as enacted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. A report falling into this category shall:
 - be marked as containing confidential information;
 - carry a restricted watermark; and
 - be printed on green paper.
- (2) The Public may be excluded from a meeting by resolution of the IJB when an item of business is being considered, if it is likely that Exempt Information would be disclosed to them which would fall within the categories specified in Part 1 of Schedule 7a of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as enacted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. Any such resolution shall specify the part of the proceedings to which it relates, and the categories of exempt information involved shall be specified in the minutes. A report containing exempt information shall:
 - specify the category involved;
 - carry a restricted watermark; and
 - be printed on green paper.
- (3) The provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 shall apply to meetings of the IJB and any relevant reports shall:
 - be marked as containing data protected information;
 - carry a restricted watermark; and
 - be printed on green paper.

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- (1) The competency of a deputation (in respect of Standing Orders 29 (6) (a)
 (d) will be determined by Chair. If the Chair deems a deputation to be incompetent it will not be heard at the meeting.
- (2) Every request for a deputation must be in writing and submitted to the Clerk of the IJB or its subcommittees at least two working days before the meeting to which it relates.
 - (a) For example, for a meeting on a Thursday, requests must be received by the end of the Monday; and for a meeting on a Tuesday, requests must be received by the end of the previous Thursday.
- (3) In the event that a report has not been published to enable a deputation request to comply with the deadline set out in 2, deputation requests may still be submitted and put on to the agenda. In such instances, 2 would require to be suspended at the meeting for the deputation to be heard.
- (4) The request must state the report on which the deputation wants to be heard and the action (if any) the deputation would like the IJB or its sub committees to take in relation to the report.
- (5) A competent deputation request will be placed on the agenda for the relevant meeting of the IJB or its sub-committees.
- (6) The following deputation requests are not competent:
 - (a) Deputations which fail to comply with 2;
 - (b) Deputations which relate to reports containing confidential information; and
 - (c) Deputations which relate to the annual budget.
 - (d) Deputations which do not relate to a report on an agenda.
- (7) Deputations cannot consist of more than three people.
- (8) Deputations should not last for more than 10 mins, irrespective of the number of speakers.
- (9) No individual may form part of more than one deputation on the same matter.





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(10) Following the conclusion of the deputation, Board members will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the deputation for a maximum of ten minutes.



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Appendix A: Guidance for Attending Remote Meetings via Microsoft Teams

This short guide is intended to assist you to participate in a remote meeting and is not a replacement for fuller Teams instruction provided by your constituent authorities.

You will have received an invitation from the Clerk in either Outlook (email) or Teams to participate in a Teams Meeting. You can join the meeting via your laptop/tablet or from a standard telephone.

In advance of the meeting

Members should:-

- Ensure that they have downloaded the agenda papers and saved these on their desktop for easy access.
- Inform the Clerk if they are unable to attend or may be late.
- Inform the Clerk if they have any query, or potential amendment to the minute to allow this to be considered and investigated in advance. (This should then be raised in the normal manner during the meeting).

On the day of the meeting

Members should:-

- Ensure they are located as close to their broadband router as possible or connect their computer direct to the router by cable.
- Join the Teams meeting 5 minutes before the start time.
- Ensure that their microphone remains at mute unless they have been invited to speak by the Chair.
- Activate their video camera (if possible).
- Ensure that any personal items on display in the background cannot be picked up on video camera.

Access the meeting remotely

Laptop/Tablet Device

Open your agenda for the meeting. Then open your invitation within Outlook email or Teams. Select Join and your screen will default to the Meeting. Select 'Join Now' and you have remotely joined the meeting.









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Telephone - Joining a Meeting

Call the telephone number in the Outlook appointment which has been sent to you and use the conference code provided in that invitation as set out below. You will be guided by the voice message.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +44 20 3443 9692 United Kingdom, London (Toll) Conference ID: ******#

Joined the Meeting

If you have joined the meeting via Teams you will then see the *Options Bar* as per the image below (shows 8 options) – this should appear at the centre of the Teams screen. Thereafter you will see the *Options Bar*



From the right

- Hang Up / Terminate Participants can terminate the call via the red handset which allows them to leave the meeting and re-join if they select the "join" button from the invitation.
- Show Participants (2nd from right) Displays a list of all remote participant.
- Show Conversation (3rd from right) This allows you to 'chat' with all other participants in the meeting. NB - this is NOT Private Chat but Meeting Chat. Private chat remains available via the Chat icon on the top left of the side.
- Ellipsis (more options) button (4th from right) provides a further 8 options as advised.
- Share (5th from right) provides sharing options.
- Microphone (6th from right), you can mute/unmute the microphone.
- Camera (7th from right), you can select camera on/ off.
- Timer (furthest left) shows the duration of the meeting.

How to participate

You should use the 'hands' facility or Teams Chat facility (3rd from right on the options bar) to alert the Chair if you wish to participate. The Clerk will alert the Chair and the Chair will call your name.







STANDING ORDERS

Viewing Agenda whilst in Remote Meeting

You should already have your agenda open and can access this from Teams via the toolbar at the bottom of your screen. This will allow you to switch between Teams and your agenda.

Declaring an Interest

If you have declared an interest in a report and intend to leave the meeting during discussion at the appropriate time, you should hang up (using the telephone symbol on the Options Bar) in order to remove yourself from the meeting and the Clerk will reinvite you when that business is concluded.

You should NOT re-join the meeting until you receive an invitation from the Clerk. This invitation will pop up on your screen, and you should select 'video call' from the two options given.

Exempt/Confidential Business

Prior to consideration of any item of exempt/confidential business you must confirm that you are in a secure private location, and that no one else is able to hear or view the proceedings from the device being used. If you are not in such an environment, then you will be unable to participate for those items of business and you will be required to leave the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, you should select 'hang up' from the Options Bar to leave the meeting.



