



## INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	30 September 2025
<b>Report Title</b>	Integration Joint Board – Appointment of Committee Chairs
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<b>Directions Required</b>	No
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	None
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	2 - Any function or remit delegated under the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme, which is bound to be undertaken by the IJB itself;

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek agreement to appoint new Chairpersons to the Risk, Audit and Performance and Clinical and Care Governance Committees.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- a) appoints Ritchie Johnson as Chairperson of the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee for a period not exceeding three years, commencing 30 November 2025; and



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- b) appoints Councillor Lee Fairfull as Chairperson of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee for a period not exceeding three years, commencing 30 November 2025.

### 3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. The Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP) Strategic Plan was approved by the IJB on 1 July 2025.
- 3.2. Ensuring robust and effective membership will help the ACHSCP achieve the strategic priorities as outlined in its strategic plan, as members will monitor, control and mitigate the potential risks to achieving these.

### 4. Summary of Key Information

#### Voting Members of the IJB

- 4.1. As noted in IJB's Standing Orders, at Standing Order 2.1, the IJB has eight voting Members. Four of these Members are appointed by NHS Grampian (NHSG) and four of these Members are appointed by Aberdeen City Council (ACC). Where a voting Member resigns, a replacement is appointed by the partner organisation that appointed that Member.

#### Committee Membership

- 4.2. At its meeting on 29 March 2016, the IJB agreed to establish two committees to support its functions. These were the Audit and Performance Systems (now Risk, Audit and Performance (RAP) Committee and the Clinical and Care Governance (CCG) Committee.
- 4.3. As per IJB standing order 25.5, the composition of IJB committees is based on the principle of equal representation between Aberdeen City Council (ACC) and NHG Grampian (NHSG) in terms of voting membership – namely two members from each organisation. The Standing Orders also make clear that Committee members are appointed by the IJB.



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- 4.4. On 17 November 2022, the IJB appointed Councillor Martin Greig as Chairperson of the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee for a term of three years, as per Standing Order 25.3 (as it was then): “ *The Chair shall be appointed by one of the constituent authorities for an appointing period not exceeding three years.*”
- 4.5. On 22 August 2023, the IJB appointed Mark Burrell as Chairperson of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee, for the period ending on 1 November 2025. This reduced timeframe was to fit with the period of appointment at 4.4 above.
- 4.6. Following the completion of the terms noted above, there will be Chairperson vacancies on both the Risk, Audit and Performance and Clinical and Care Governance Committees. To fill these vacancies, it is recommended that the IJB appoints Ritchie Johnson as Chair of RAP and Councillor Lee Fairfull as Chair of CCG. The overall membership of the Committees will remain unchanged, namely:

### **Risk, Audit and Performance Committee:**

Councillor John Cooke  
Councillor Martin Greig  
Ritchie Johnson  
Hussein Patwa

### **Clinical and Care Governance Committee:**

David Blackburn  
Mark Burrell  
Councillor Lee Fairfull  
Councillor M.Tauqeer Malik

## **Chairpersons of Risk, Audit and Performance and Clinical and Care Governance Committee**

- 4.7. Standing Order 25.2 requires the IJB to appoint a Chairperson to each of its Committees. Chairpersons can be appointed for a period of up to three years. Following the resignation of Councillor Martin Greig, there will be a vacancy



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for Chairperson of RAP. Following the resignation of Mark Burrell, there will be a vacancy for Chairperson of CCG.

- 4.8.** In accordance with the principle of equal representation between ACC and NHSG, the Chairpersons of the RAP and CCG are not normally from the same partner organisation. At the end of an appointment period, the new Chairperson of each Committee will also not normally come from the same partner organisation as the previous Chairperson of that Committee.

### **5. Implications for IJB**

#### **5.1 Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality**

As per the IJB's Standing Orders, it is recommended that voting members from Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian be equally represented on each committee.

#### **5.2 Financial**

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### **5.3. Workforce**

There are no direct implications for the AH&SCP workforce, however having members in place as per the recommendations will provide greater clarity for the organisation in terms of its governance arrangements.

#### **5.4. Legal**

The proposals and recommendations within this report comply with the processes set out in the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme and Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board Standing Orders.

#### **5.5. Unpaid Carers**

There are no direct impacts to unpaid carers arising from the recommendations in this report.



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### 5.6. Information Governance

There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### 5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### 5.8. Sustainability

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 6. Management of Risk

### 6.1. Identified risks(s)

Reputational Risk is considered high by the IJB. Should appointments to its committees not be balanced in terms of membership as per the requirements set out in this report. There is a risk that perspectives from both partners may not be reflected during meetings and this may have an impact on decision making and scrutiny capacity.

### 6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

Strategic Risk Register, item 3: Failure of the IJB to function and make decisions in a timely manner.

By appointing an equal number of members to each committee the Board would adhere to provisions and principles set out in standing orders. This would mean that both committees would have members in place to capture perspectives and expertise from both partners and strengthen their capacity to hold Partnership officers to account.