

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-

- 1.1. This report is presented to Full Council in order to agree the revisions to the Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Integration Scheme and agree its submission to Scottish Government.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Full Council:

1. Consider and agree the revisions to the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City; a summary of which is detailed in the report;
2. Note that once agreed by both Aberdeen City Council and the Health Board, the Revised Integration Schemes will be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval; and
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree any minor changes proposed by the Scottish Government for the Revised Integration Schemes to be approved.

3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1. The Health and Social Care Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City was submitted to the Scottish Government for approval in March 2015.
- 3.2. In terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, Aberdeen City and Grampian Health Board, are statutorily obliged to prepare and submit to the Scottish Government for approval, Revised Integration Schemes and publish these once approved.

3.3. The main driver behind the changes to the Schemes are the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and the mandatory requirement placed upon both Aberdeen City Council and Grampian Health Board to delegate certain of their functions from this Act to the Integration Joint Board.

3.4. A summary of the changes to each scheme are noted below:

Annexes 1 (Functions delegated by Health Board) and 2 (Functions delegated by Local Authorities)

- inclusion of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 functions that must be delegated i.e. preparation of local carer strategy, setting of local eligibility criteria, and support for adult carers and deletion of repealed functions
- inclusion of parts of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 that must be delegated by the Councils and were omitted in error from the original schemes regarding visits, interviews and examinations and a new function (moving adult at risk in pursuance of a removal order) that complements an existing delegated function (Removal Orders).

Other changes to the schemes are to reflect the passage of time and where certain matters have moved on. A summary of changes in this regard are noted below:

- Section 1 (Definitions and Interpretation)
- Section 3 (Board Governance)
- Section 6 (Corporate Support Services) – to update deadlines
- Section 9 (Clinical and Professional Governance) – to reflect the establishment by the Integrated Joint Board of a Clinical and Care Governance Committee;
- Section 10 (Chief Officer) – to reflect that the Chief Officers Operational responsibilities have now been set out
- Section 11 (Workforce) – minor change to update deadline
- Section 12 (Finance) – to reflect that the Integration Joint Board has now been established and operating for almost two years and is a statutory Community Planning Partner
- Section 13 (Participation and Engagement) – to include reference to this consultation exercise
- Section 14 (Information Sharing) - to reflect that the Group will keep under review the MOU
- Section 17 (Risk Management) – to reflect that Strategy and Risk Registers are now in place

Annex 5 (Additional Local Information) – not formally part of the scheme and removed

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no legal implications arising from this report, as associated with 'Brexit', the Council's credit rating and bond issue.

5.2. The Council is obliged by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 to produce a young carer statement and to prepare a local carer strategy. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 requires that these functions are delegated to the Integration Joint Board.

5.3. In order to delegate these functions, Aberdeen City Council and Grampian Health Board are required to revise the Integration Scheme. The process for revising the Integration Scheme is set out in section 46 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The recommendations would ensure that this process is followed correctly.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

6.1.

- Financial – as outlined in section 4 above.
- Employee – there are no risks identified. The changes to delegated functions are technical as carers support services and adult protection services are already listed the Integrated Schemes (services provided in pursuit of delegated functions) with staff already forming part of integrated services/teams.
- Customer / citizen – there are no risks identified.
- Environmental – there are no risks identified.
- Technological – there are no risks identified.
- Legal – The risks associated with not implementing the recommendations, as outlined above, include non-compliance with legislation, specifically the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. Implementing the recommendations, as outlined above, would mitigate the risk of non-compliance with these pieces of legislation.
- Reputational – there is a reputational risk should the Council not comply with legislation.

7. IMPACT SECTION

This section demonstrates how the proposals within this report impact on the strategic themes of Aberdeen City Council and Community Planning Aberdeen, as set out in the [Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26](#) and the [Aberdeen City Council Strategic Business Plan](#).

Economy

There will be no direct impact on the economy arising from the recommendations.

People

In relation to the amendments to the schemes, it is not considered that the changes require a reconsideration of the impacts already identified by an Equality Impact Assessment completed during development of the Integration Schemes.

Place

There will be no direct impact on the environment or the community arising from the recommendations

Technology

There will be no direct impact on technology arising from the recommendations

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

9. APPENDICES

A) Revised Integration Scheme

10. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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