

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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TERMS OF REFERENCE	21

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the revised Aberdeen City Integration Scheme prior to submission to Scottish Ministers for approval.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council: -

- 2.1 Endorses the revised Aberdeen City Integration Scheme.
- 2.2 Instructs the Chief Executive to submit the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme to Scottish Ministers for approval.
- 2.3 Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to agree any minor changes proposed by the Scottish Government for the Revised Integration Scheme to be approved.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Section 2(3) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act (2014) requires each local authority and the Health Board to jointly prepare an Integration Scheme for the area of the local authority. Sections 44(2) and 44(5)(a) requires that the local authority and the Health Board must carry out a review of the Integration Scheme within five years. Aberdeen City's current Integration Scheme was last approved in March 2018 and a review is therefore required by March 2023. Section 7(1) requires the local authority and the Health Board to jointly submit an Integration Scheme to the Scottish Ministers for approval.

Council is asked to endorse the draft, revised Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City prior to submission to Scottish Ministers.

- 3.2 The first Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City was developed in March 2015. It was revised in April 2018 mainly to reflect changes in legislation brought about by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 but, in addition, further changes were made to reflect the passage of time and to bring clarity and accuracy to arrangements since the Integration Joint Board was first established. The Council meeting of 5th March 2018 approved the previous revision. The report can be viewed via this link [ACHSCP Integration Scheme - report.pdf \(aberdeencity.gov.uk\)](#)
- 3.3 The timeline for revision of the current Scheme is that it must be approved, completed, and published by March 2023. NHS Grampian Board considered the Scheme on 2nd February 2023 endorsed it for submission to Scottish Ministers. Following consideration by Council it is proposed the Scheme will then be submitted to Scottish Ministers allowing time for their review and subsequent approval within the required timescale. Scottish Ministers may propose amendments to the Scheme prior to giving their approval. As in 2018, Council is asked to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree any minor revisions and assess whether any proposed revisions would need to come back to Council.
- 3.4 Appendix B details the changes made to the existing Integration Scheme. Although 24 changes are listed, most of these are minor clarifications and updating. The most significant additions are: -
- The inclusion of the role of Public Health
 - the inclusion of the recently approved Whistleblowing Policy,
 - the inclusion of the role of Chief Operating Officer
 - a more robust reflection of the recently agreed joint Locality Planning Arrangements and involvement of communities,
 - inclusion of Mental Health Services, hosted since March 2020, and
 - the addition of pharmaceutical services for under 18s (note this was an omission from earlier versions)
- The lifespan of the Integration Scheme is technically to March 2028 however it is recognised that the implementation of a National Care Service and the change to Care Boards will likely take place prior to this, requiring new arrangements to be put in place.
- 3.5 The stakeholders prescribed to be consulted are listed at section 13.5 (page 37) of the Integration Scheme. Consultation with staff and communities began at the end of June 2022. Initial feedback from communities was that the document was too long and complicated for most to read and understand. A summary version was created, and this went out for public consultation in November. All relevant comments received to date have been incorporated into the draft.
- 3.6 The Scheme has previously been considered by the following groups as part of its development: -
- Senior Leadership Team, ACHSCP (29.06.22 and 10.08.22)
 - Operational Teams, ACHSCP (at various dates between the two dates above)

- Aberdeen City Strategic Planning Group (18.08.22, 29.09.22 and 10.11.22)
- Community Groups and Partners (at various points between SPG meetings)
- ACHSCP Executive Programme Board, 24.08.22
- Public and Partners including Aberdeen City IJB (throughout November and December 2022)

Responses to the consultation was strongest from professional and staff groups although the community's representation to have their involvement reflected more robustly was an important and welcome revision.

- 3.7 Aberdeen City IJB delivers adult social care and mainly adult community health services. Some delegated health services are provided to people under the age of 18. These are noted at Annex 1, Part 2 C, and Part 3 on pages 56 and 57 of the Scheme and include GP, Dental, Ophthalmic and Pharmacy services as well as Health Visiting, School Nursing and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).
- 3.8 Council is asked to endorse the revised Aberdeen City Integration Scheme allowing it to progress to the next stage of the approval process to meet the legal obligation within the designated timescale.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Aberdeen City's Integration Scheme should have a neutral to positive impact on capital and revenue finance and efficiencies. It is the governance from which services are delegated to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and does not change the way community health and social care services are managed or delivered within Aberdeen City. The existing IJB budget will continue to be managed in the same way as before. Whilst Mental Health Inpatient Services and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are delegated operationally and strategically to the IJBs, the transfer of funding to the IJBs for these services has not taken place. The Mental Health Inpatient Services and CAMHS are currently overspending, and this is being funded by NHS Grampian. A report will be presented to the three Grampian IJBs, by the 31 March 2024 on the financing arrangements, once a full review of these budgets has been undertaken. At this point Aberdeen City IJB will be able to determine whether the funding for these services should transfer into its budget.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Were the draft Integration Scheme not to be endorsed and allowed to progress to the timetable noted at 3.3 above, NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council would risk being in breach of Section 2(3), 44(2), 44(5)(a), and 7(1) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act (2014) as described in paragraph 3.2 above.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	There is a risk that there will be no revised, approved Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City IJB	Approved Integration Scheme in place.	M	Yes
Compliance	Non-compliance with appropriate legislation (as per 3.1 above)	Approval of Integration Scheme	L	Yes
Operational	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financial	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reputational	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environment / Climate	No significant risks identified	N/A	N/A	N/A

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement <u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	Aberdeen City IJB work in partnership with independent and third sector commissioned organisations supporting health and wellbeing and tackling inequality
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26</u>	

Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	N/A
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	Aberdeen IJB are significantly involved in projects delivering Stretch Outcome 11 – Resilient, Included and Supported.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	N/A
Regional and City Strategies	N/A

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	In relation to the amendments to the Scheme, it is not considered that the changes require a reconsideration of the impacts already identified by an Equality Impact Assessment completed during development of previous Integration Scheme.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	N/A

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Existing Aberdeen City Integration Scheme
- 10.2 Previous report to Council on revised Integration Scheme on 5th March 2018. [ACHSCP Integration Scheme - report.pdf \(aberdeencity.gov.uk\)](#)

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix A Aberdeen City Integration Scheme April 2023
- 11.2 Appendix B Changes to Aberdeen City Integration Scheme January 2023.

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