

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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REVIEW OF PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION SCHEME

Report by Chief Executive (Report No. 20/182)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report advises the Council of the requirement to review the Perth and Kinross Integration Scheme, which established the Integration Joint Board, and outlines the next steps which require to be taken to progress a review.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, all Councils and Health Boards were required to establish an Integration Scheme to take forward integration of health and social care functions in their areas.
- 1.2 The Integration Scheme setting out the arrangements for health and social care integration in Perth and Kinross was approved by Perth and Kinross Council on 25 March 2015 (report 15/419 refers). The Scheme was approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport on 14 September 2015. An Order to establish the Integration Joint Board was passed on 3 October 2015.
- 1.3 Since that date, the Board has exercised strategic responsibility for health and social care services in Perth and Kinross and the integration of those services.
- 1.4 The Perth and Kinross Integration Scheme was updated in February 2018 to include functions under the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 as integrated functions.
- 1.5 Section 44 of the Act provides that a Council and a Health Board must carry out a review of its Integration Scheme before the expiry of the relevant period. The purpose of the review is to identify whether any changes to the scheme are necessary or desirable. The “relevant period” is defined as the period of five years beginning with the day on which the Scheme was approved by the Scottish Ministers. The Integration Scheme between the NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council was approved by the Scottish Ministers on 14 September 2015. Therefore, there was a requirement for the current Integration Scheme to be reviewed by 13 September 2020. The changes made in 2018 in relation to the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 have not affected this date.
- 1.6 If it is identified that changes to the Scheme are necessary or desirable, the Council and Health Board may then vary the Integration Scheme by preparing

a revised Integration Scheme. This is then submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval. Before the revised Integration Scheme is submitted for approval, consultation must take place with a specified range of persons and groups, including professionals, service users and providers of health and social care in the area. Consultation may also take place with other persons or bodies and this should include the Integration Joint Board. The views expressed by any of those persons or groups must be taken into account before preparing the final version of a revised Scheme.

- 1.7 In common with other Councils and Health Boards, work to commence a review of the Scheme was delayed as a result of the response to Covid-19. On 17 March 2020, correspondence was received from the Scottish Government in relation to the duty on Councils and Health Boards to review their Schemes. This correspondence advised that, given the work required across local health and social care systems to respond to Covid-19, the Scottish Government did not expect work to continue on developing successor schemes. The correspondence also confirmed that the Act does not require the Health Board and local authority to produce a successor scheme and only requires a review to determine whether changes to the Scheme are necessary or desirable. Health Boards and local authorities were asked to ensure that they jointly carried out the minimum requirement of a review, with further work continuing once priority could be given to the task.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 During August 2020, officers of the Council and Health and Social Care Partnership carried out an initial, high level review of the Scheme to determine whether changes were necessary or desirable. The outcome of that initial review was that there were a number of aspects of the Scheme where changes were both necessary and desirable to reflect changing practice as integration has evolved.
- 2.2 Initial discussions have also taken place with NHS Tayside and representatives from Angus Council and Dundee City Council which has identified a range of areas where the all three Schemes will need more comprehensive revision for example in relation to clinical and care governance. It is proposed that these matters, along with those identified from the initial review conducted by officers will be considered as part of a comprehensive revision of the Scheme. In addition, any further areas identified as a result of consultation carried out in line with paragraph 1.5 will be considered. It is intended that this review will be advanced by several short life working groups and will include formal consultation with relevant stakeholders. There will be close collaboration and consultation with the Integration Joint Board as part of this process.
- 2.3 An indicative timetable has been set out and it is proposed that a first draft be made available for consultation in March 2021, with a final draft being submitted to the Council for approval in around July 2021.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Notes the requirement to review the Integration Scheme for Perth and Kinross to identify if changes are necessary or desirable;
- (b) Notes the assessment of officers that changes to the Integration Scheme are necessary and desirable;
- (c) Authorises the Chief Executive to take the necessary steps to prepare a revised Integration Scheme;
- (d) Requests the Chief Executive to consult as required with interested persons or groups, including the Integration Joint Board, and takes account of any views expressed in revising the Integration Scheme; and
- (e) Requests the Chief Executive to prepare a final draft revised scheme for approval by the Council by July 2021, or as close as possible thereafter.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	No
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	No
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The proposals relate to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

(iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The proposals relate to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities:

(iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. There may be financial implications arising from any revised Integration Scheme and these will be addressed in any future reports.

Workforce

- 2.2 There are no workforce implications arising from this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

3. Assessments

Required assessments will be completed as part of the process of revising the Integration Scheme.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 The proposals in this report have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA. However, relevant assessments including an EqIA will be carried out as part of the work to revise the Scheme and any impact will be identified in future reports.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.3 The proposals have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as they do not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Not applicable.

Legal and Governance

- 3.5 There is a requirement under section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 to carry out a review of the Integration Scheme every five years to determine whether changes to the Scheme are necessary or desirable. If changes are necessary or desirable then the Council and Health Board may vary the Scheme by preparing a revised Scheme, under section 46 of the 2014 Act.

Risk

- 3.6 Not applicable. Risk will be addressed as part of the process of revising the Scheme

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Legal and Governance Services has been consulted in connection with the proposals and the preparation of this report.

External

- 4.2 Discussions have taken place with Angus Council and Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside to develop a proposed plan for taking forward changes to the Integration Scheme.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Not applicable

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers have been relied on in preparing the report.