



## **PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

### **AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

**22 June 2020**

### **PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Report by Chief Financial Officer (Report No. G/20/62)**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report seeks the approval of the Audit & Performance Committee to postpone the publication of the Integration Joint Board's Annual Performance Report for 2019/20.

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 places a duty on Integration Authorities, in Section 42 of the Act, to publish a performance report within 4 months from the end of the reporting year, i.e. by 31 July.

However, in light of the significant demands placed on public bodies in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic the Scottish Government published the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020. This Act, via regulation 8(2) of Part 3 of Schedule 6, permits public authorities to delay complying with such a duty as set out above, in circumstance where "complying [with the duty] would be likely to impede its ability to take effective action to prevent, protect against, delay or otherwise control the incidence or transmission of coronavirus."

Where a public body wishes to postpone complying with such a duty, regulation 8(3) of Part 3 of Schedule 6, requires that a statement be published by the public authority prior to the deadline for complying with the duty; in this instance 31 July 2020.

Furthermore, regulation 10(2) of Part 3 of Schedule 6, requires that public authorities comply with their duties as soon as is practicable thereafter.

## 2. PROPOSAL

The Health and Social Care Partnership has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and this has impacted significantly on the ability of the partnership to produce an Annual Performance Report within the statutory deadline. To do so would have similarly impacted on our COVID-19 response.

In light of the recent challenges faced in dealing with the global pandemic, it is proposed that publication of the IJB's Annual Performance Report for 2019/20 be postponed. It is further proposed that the Annual Performance Report will be presented to this Committee for approval at the meeting scheduled for 14 September 2020 and, subject to approval, be published before the end of September 2020.

This proposal seeks to comply with the statutory obligations placed on the Integration Joint Board including those which permit such a postponement.

## 3. RECOMMENDATION

The Audit and Performance Committee is asked to:-

- Note the receipt and publication of this report in compliance with Regulation 8(3), as set out above.
- Approve the postponement of the publication of the Annual Performance Report until September 2020.

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