

## Governance Arrangements for Health and Social Care

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**The City of Edinburgh Council**

23 March 2006

**Lothian NHS Board**

22 March 2006

### **Purpose of report**

- 1 This report to the Council and the NHS Lothian Board advises of a further recommendation of the Joint Board of Governance regarding arrangements for its future meetings.

### **Main report**


- 2 At its meeting on 16 November 2005 the Joint Board of Governance made a number of recommendations concerning its future working arrangements.
- 3 These were subsequently approved by the NHS Lothian Board and the Council on 25 and 26 January 2006 respectively.
- 4 As part of these arrangements it was agreed that the Board should meet in private, although its meeting papers would be published on each organisation's website. The position was to be kept under review.
- 5 At its meeting on 1 March 2006, at the suggestion of the NHS Lothian representatives, the Joint Board of Governance revisited its decision to hold meetings in private and it was unanimously agreed, for reasons of transparency and accountability, that future meetings should be held in public. Where appropriate, agendas could be structured to allow for private debate.

### **Financial Implications**

- 6 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## Recommendations

- 7 It is recommended that the Council and the Lothian NHS Board agree that future meetings of the Joint Board of Governance – Health and Social Care should be held in public.

  
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**Appendices**            None

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**Wards affected**        All

**Background  
Papers**                Minute of the Joint Board of Governance, 1 March 2006