

Item 4.1 Minutes

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (Special Meeting)

9.30 am, Friday 28 April 2017

City Chambers, Edinburgh

Present:

Board Members: Councillor Ricky Henderson (in the Chair), Councillor Elaine Aitken, Colin Beck, Carl Bickler, Sandra Blake, Wanda Fairgrieve, Christine Farquhar, Councillor Joan Griffiths, Kirsten Hey, Councillor Sandy Howat, Carolyn Hirst, Alex Joyce, Angus McCann, Rob McCulloch-Graham, Ian McKay, Alex McMahon (substitute for Shulah Allen), Michelle Miller, Peter Murray (substitute for Michael Ash) and Moira Pringle.

Officers: Wendy Dale, Ann Duff, Gavin King, Karen Lloyd, Allan McCartney, Ross Murray, Nick Smith and Julie Tickle.

1. Welcome

As it was the last meeting of the Joint Board before the Local Government Election Councillor Ricky Henderson paid tribute to Councillor Elaine Aitken who would be standing down as an elected member. He thanked her for her contribution to the work of the Joint Board.

2. Funding for Drug and Alcohol Services 2017/18

In 2016/17 the Scottish Government reduced the allocation to Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships (ADPs) by 23% nationally. This resulted in a reduction of £1,550,000 for the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership. A balanced budget was achieved for 2016/17 utilising carry forward and through financial support from the Joint Board.

On 24 March 2017 the Joint Board continued consideration of a report which identified savings of £702,000 and sought financial support of £395,000 from the Joint Board on a recurring basis to mitigate against risks.

Revised proposals including risk and impact assessments of proposed changes and savings, as well as alternative funding option for services, was submitted.

Decision

- 1) To agree the allocation of £420,000 to maintain existing levels of service delivery. This included £395,000 to support treatment and recovery services and £25,000 to Regional Infectious Diseases Unit (RIDU) and sexual health services to enable a review to be completed by 30 June 2017. These allocations had been set aside within the Social Care Fund.
- 2) To note the approach, impact and risks of identifying £600,000 revenue savings in adult treatment and recovery services and £102,000 in RIDU and sexual health services, and that a delay to a decision about these savings would incur costs of £50,000 per month.
- 3) To approve the alternative funding options set out in paragraph 19 of the Chief Officer's report as an opportunity to offset the reductions in drug/alcohol funding.
- 4) To keep under review the implementation of detailed service changes and monitor the impact.

(References – minute of the Integration Joint Board 24 March 2017 (item 6); report by the IJB Chief Officer, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Carl Bickler declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as a General Practitioner who worked with drug users.

Christine Farquhar declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as a Director of VOCAL.