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Agenda Item: 4.

## **Orkney Integration Joint Board**

Wednesday, 10 March 2021, 11:30.

Microsoft Teams.

### **Minute**

#### **Present**

##### **Voting Members:**

- Davie Campbell, NHS Orkney.
- David Drever, NHS Orkney.
- Issy Grieve, NHS Orkney.
- Councillor Rachael A King, Orkney Islands Council.
- Councillor John T Richards, Orkney Islands Council.
- Councillor Stephen Sankey, Orkney Islands Council.

##### **Non-Voting Members:**

##### **Professional Advisers:**

- Dr Kirsty Cole, Registered GP, NHS Orkney.
- Gillian Morrison, Interim Chief Officer.
- Pat Robinson, Chief Finance Officer.

##### **Stakeholder Member:**

- Fiona MacKellar, Staff Representative, NHS Orkney.

#### **Clerk**

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer, Orkney Islands Council.

#### **In Attendance**

##### **Orkney Health and Care:**

- Lynda Bradford, Head of Health and Community Care.
- Maureen Firth, Head of Primary Care Services.

### **Orkney Islands Council:**

- Katharine McKerrell, Solicitor.
- Andrew Paterson, Chief Internal Auditor.

### **Observing**

#### **Orkney Islands Council:**

- Rebecca McAuliffe, Press Officer.

### **Chair**

- Councillor Rachael A King, Orkney Islands Council.

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of the following:

- Jim Lyon, Interim Chief Social Work Officer, Orkney Islands Council.
- David McArthur, Registered Nurse, NHS Orkney.
- Dr Louise Wilson, Registered Medical Practitioner not a GP, NHS Orkney.
- Gail Anderson, Third Sector Representative.
- Janice Annal, Service User Representative.
- Joyce Harcus, Carer Representative.
- Danny Oliver, Staff Representative, Orkney Islands Council.
- Frances Troup, Head of Housing, Homelessness and Schoolcare Accommodation Services, Orkney Islands Council.
- Maureen Swannie, Interim Head of Children's Health Services and Service Manager, Children's Services, Orkney Health and Care.
- Dr Dawn Moody, Clinical Director – GP.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest intimated in respect of items of business to be discussed at this meeting.

## **3. Appointment of Chief Internal Auditor**

There had been previously circulated a report setting out proposals for the appointment of a Chief Internal Auditor and an approach to the specific requirement to audit the Integration Joint Board, for consideration and approval.

Pat Robinson advised that the current term of appointment of the Board's Chief Internal Auditor would expire on 31 March 2021. A number of options were open to the Board, namely:

- Employ its own Chief Internal Auditor.
- Procure services.

- Appoint the Chief Internal Auditor of Orkney Islands Council.
- Appoint the Chief Internal Auditor of NHS Orkney.

The Board's current Chief Internal Auditor was NHS Orkney's internal audit service, currently undertaken by Azets. It was good practice to rotate auditors to ensure independence. Of the options proposed, it was recommended that Orkney Islands Council's Chief Internal Auditor be appointed, and that the appointment should be for a period of five years. While no specific period for the appointment of internal audit was stipulated, this time period was in line with the appointment of external auditors and would offer a period of stability, rather than rotating every two years.

The proposal to appoint Orkney Islands Council's Chief Internal Auditor had been discussed with the Head of Executive Support and the Chief Internal Auditor, Orkney Islands Council, who had indicated agreement. NHS Orkney had also been contacted and there was no indication that the proposal was not acceptable.

Davie Campbell sought clarification on the approach to the audit requirements being accommodated within existing contingency resources of both partners. Pat Robinson clarified that, in terms of the Integration Scheme, both parties were to provide corporate services to the Board, which included internal audit, and at no extra cost. Accordingly, neither party would charge for internal audit services provided to the Board.

The Board **resolved**:

**3.1.** To appoint Orkney Islands Council's Chief Internal Auditor as its Chief Internal Auditor for the period 2021 to 2026.

**3.2.** To approve the approach to the audit requirements of the Board, namely accommodated within the contingency resources of NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council's audit plans.

#### **4. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:37.