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Agenda Item: 10.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 9 April 2020.

Subject: Covid-19 Emergency Governance Arrangements.

1. Summary

The purpose of this paper is to seek the Board's approval to delegate authority to the Chief Officer to take decisions on matters where decisions would normally be required by the Board, during the emergency Covid-19 emergency pandemic measures.

2. Purpose

Integration Joint Board members are asked to agree that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Officer for the foreseeable future to take decisions that would normally require Board approval.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended:

3.1. That the Board delegates authority to the Chief Officer to take decisions in respect of matters that would normally require Board approval, subject to consultation taking place with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

3.2. That voting members of the IJB will meet weekly with the Chief Officer, the Chief Finance Officer and/or the Depute Chief Officer during this emergency pandemic period. This will serve as a weekly check in during this fast moving situation and allow regular consideration of governance to business being conducted and decisions made.

4. Background

4.1. In light of the ongoing Covid-19 situation investigations have been taking place into the Board's business continuity arrangements, including how decisions that require Board approval can be made if the Board is unable to meet.

4.2. It is proposed that members of the IJB follow advice from the Scottish Government and health advice from NHS Scotland that members of the public should avoid unnecessary meetings and those in defined groups should self-isolate. The IJB is also asked to put in place arrangements to enable the business of the IJB to be carried on in circumstances where the IJB may not be able to meet.

4.3. The next meeting of the IJB is not scheduled to take place until 24 June 2020 and, given the uncertainty surrounding whether that meeting can take place, it is proposed that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Officer to take any decisions that in normal circumstances would require Board approval. This is subject to consultation taking place with the Chair and Vice-Chair. Whilst this is for the foreseeable future it will be the subject of ongoing review and normal Board meeting arrangements will be reintroduced as soon as practicable.

5. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Council Plan 2018 to 2023 and 2020 vision/quality ambitions are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

Promoting survival: To support our communities.	Yes.
Promoting sustainability: To make sure economic, environmental and social factors are balanced.	No.
Promoting equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	No.
Working together: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	Yes.
Working with communities: To involve community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process.	No.
Working to provide better services: To improve the planning and delivery of services.	Yes
Safe: Avoiding injuries to patients from healthcare that is intended to help them.	No.
Effective: Providing services based on scientific knowledge.	Yes.
Efficient: Avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy.	No.

6. Resource implications and identified source of funding

None.

7. Risk and Equality assessment

None.

8. Direction Required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No

9. Escalation Required

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NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No

10. Author

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