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INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN
COUNCIL OFFICES, STORNOWAY
AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON
TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025 AT
10.00AM.

Item:4.2

Voting Members Present:

Annetta Smith
Julia Higginbottom
Calum Maclean
George Murray

Non-Executive Director, NHSWI (Chair)
Non-Executive Director/IJB Voting Member
CnES Councillor/IJB Voting Member (Vice-Chair)
CnES Councillor/IJB Voting Member (Depute)

Non-Voting Members Present:

Nick Fayers
Dena Macleod
Morag Munro

IJB Chief Officer
Hebridean Housing Partnership
Western Isles Community Care Forum

In Attendance:

Malcolm Burr
Tim Langley
Emma MacSween
Donald E Macleod
Derek Mackay
Shona Hadwen
Clare Carolan

CnES Chief Executive
CnES Head of Law and Governance
Head of Partnership Services
CnES Senior Accountant
CnES Governance and Elections Manager
CnES Principal Administrator, Governance and Elections
NHS Assistant Medical Director



1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Norman Misty Macdonald	CnES Councillor/Voting Member
Iain Archie MacNeil	CnES Councillor/Voting Member
Naomi MacDonald	NHS Non-Executive Director/Voting Member
Karen France Macleod	NHS Non-Executive Director/Voting Member

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

In terms of Standing Order 5.6 it was agreed that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the IJB) would be disclosed.

4. EXTERNALLY COMMISSIONED NURSING AND CARE HOME SERVICES

The Chief Officer submitted a Report in relation to the commissioning of external residential and nursing services with Leverburgh Care Home, Bethesda Nursing Home and the impact of the closure of the Blar Buidhe Nursing Home. The Report gave detailed information under the following headings:

- HC-One
- Procurement of Commissioned Residential and nursing Services
- Quality/Patient Care
- Workforce
- Financial
- Risk Assessment/Management

Decision: **It was agreed that:**

- a) the Board note the status of the transition planning to mitigate the risk associated with the closure of the HC-One operated Blar Buidhe Nursing Home;
- b) the Board approves the payment of the fee rates for the Leverburgh Care Home for 2024/25 as detailed in the Report, utilising the in-year projected underspend for the associated services to address the additional budget requirement of £19,912;
- c) the Board consider the option to move to a position of a finalised offer of the budgetary provision based on a 10% uplift of the weekly rates for Bethesda Nursing Home for 2024/25 as detailed in the Report with the provision of a one-off payment of £60k from the projected underspend for the associated services to address the in-year cost pressures; and



- d) the Board does not approve the £340,995 budget pressure for externally commissioned nursing and residential care homes in the 2025/26 projections due to the projected financial deficit and an offer of a 10% uplift to the budgeted 2024/25 rate will be made to Bethesda Nursing Home and Leverburgh Care Home and a Report on the outcome of this offer will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

Calum Maclean asked that his dissent to recommendations c) and d) be recorded in the Minutes.

Action: Head of Partnership Services to notify Leverburgh Care Home and Bethesda Nursing Home of the decisions reached by the IJB in relation to funding for the 2024/25 financial year.

Head of Partnership Services to proceed with the offer of a 10% uplift on the budgeted 2024/25 rate to Leverburgh Care Home and Bethesda Nursing Home in respect of the 2025/26 financial year and report back to the next meeting of the IJB on the outcome of the offer.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled of the IJB will be held on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 10.00am.