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## INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN  
COUNCIL OFFICES, STORNOWAY  
AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON  
TUESDAY 14 MAY 2025 AT  
10.00AM.

Item: 4.1

### Voting Members Present:

Annetta Smith  
Julia Higginbottom  
Naomi MacDonald  
Karen France Macleod  
George Murray  
Duncan Macinnes MBE  
Kenny Macleod

Non-Executive Director, NHSWI (Chair)  
Non-Executive Director/IJB Voting Member  
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CnES Councillor/IJB Voting Member (Depute)  
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### Non-Voting Members Present:

### In Attendance:

Tim Langley  
Emma MacSween  
Debbie Bozkurt  
Donald E Macleod  
Frances Robertson  
Christina Morrison  
Derek Mackay  
Shona Hadwen

CnES Head of Law and Governance  
Chief Officer Partnership Services and Community Care  
Chief Finance Officer, IJB  
CnES Senior Accountant  
NHS Nurse/AHP Director  
NHS Lead Nurse Community  
CnES Governance and Elections Manager  
CnES Principal Administrator, Governance and Elections



## 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 |
| Calum Maclean          | CnES Councillor/Voting Member |
| Susan Thomson          | CnES Councillor/Voting Member |
| Nick Fayers            | IJB Chief Officer             |

## 3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 20 MARCH 2025

The minute of the meeting of 20 March 2025 was approved subject to amendments at point 6.3 to reflect that, while appearing as a risk, the issue of the Single Island Authority model had not been discussed by the Board and that the Chief Officer would circulate correspondence with Scottish Government in relation to Single Island Authority models.

## 4. 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 items 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.**

## 5. EXTERNALLY COMMISSIONED NURSING AND CARE HOME SERVICES

The Chief Officer Partnership Services and Community Care submitted a Report in relation to the commissioning of external residential and nursing services with Bethesda Nursing Home and Leverburgh Care Home Care Home. Following the meeting of the Board on 4 March 2025, the settlements agreed at that meeting for the 2024/25 financial year had been accepted by both Care Providers. However, the Report noted that the fees for the current financial year had been disputed and all parties recognised the need to stabilize the commissioning relationship through securing agreement for 2026/27.

**Decision:** It was agreed that:

- a) **The Board approve the 2025/26 rate of £1,263 per bed per week for 28 local authority commissioned beds with Bethesda Nursing Home with financial provision retained for Free Personal Nursing Care payments, when legally applicable, for the Home's operation of 2 private beds;**
- b) **The Board approve a 10% budget uplift on the 2025/26 budget for Bethesda Nursing Home for 2026/27 and approve the associated bed rate of £1,391 per bed per week for 28 local authority commissioned beds, with financial provision retained for Free Personal Nursing Care payments, when legally applicable, for the Home's operation of 2 private beds;**



- c) the Board authorise the Chief Officer Partnership Services and Community Care to conclude negotiations for Leverburgh Care Home within existing budgetary provision for the commissioned service for 2025/26;
- d) the Board approve a 10% uplift on the 2025/26 budget for Leverburgh Care Home for 2026/27 and authorise the Chief Officer Partnership Services and Community Care to conclude negotiations within the approved total budgetary provision; and
- e) the Board note that the outcome of the negotiations will be presented to the Comhairle for final approval in respect of the setting of fees and charges.

#### **6. HC-ONE TRANSFER UPDATE**

The Chief Officer Partnership Services and Community Care submitted a Report to update members on the recent transition of Blar Buidhe residents and the associated HC-One workforce to Bremner Court.

The Chair wished to express the thanks of the Board to the staff at Blar Buidhe as well as the Chief Officer Partnership Services and Community Care and her team for the smooth transition of the residents to their new homes at Bremner Court. The Chair also acknowledged the impact on residents and their families throughout the whole transition period.

**It was agreed to note the Report.**

#### **7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting scheduled of the IJB will be held on Thursday 19 June 2025 at 2.00pm.**