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INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD



Meeting date: 26 March 2026

Item: 5.1

Title: Continuation of Appointment of Chairperson

Responsible Officer: Standards Officer

Report Author: Tim Langley

1 Purpose

This is presented to the Committee for:

- Decision

This report relates to a:

- Legal requirement

Competence:

- The Board has the power to amend its Standing Orders.

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

The current Chairperson was appointed by the NHS Board to the position with effect from 1 July 2024. Therefore, presently Prof. Annetta Smith will be required to stand down by 30 June 2026 by which time, in accordance with the Board's Standing Orders, a new appointment is required to be made by the Comhairle.

However, local government elections are due to take place in early May 2027, so the term of office of all current serving Councillors will end at that point.

Therefore, an appointment to Chairperson by the Comhairle in the meantime might cause unnecessary uncertainty in the continuity of the position of Chairperson.

2.2 Background

Standing Order 3.2 provides that the appointment to Chair is limited to a maximum of 2 years and is to rotate between appointees of the NHS Board and the Comhairle.

2.3 Assessment

The Board may, in the case of emergency as determined by the Chair, suspend or amend its Standing Orders provided that two-thirds of Board members present and voting so decide.

It is suggested that the Board consider suspending the Standing Order limiting the appointment of the Chairperson to 2 years in order to allow continuity of the role of Chairperson until after the local government elections in May 2027.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

There are no implications associated with this Report.

2.3.2 Workforce

There are no implications associated with this Report.

2.3.3 Financial

There are no implications associated with this Report.

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| Comment from the Chief Finance Officer: |
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2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Not applicable

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

There are no implications associated with this Report.

2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development

There are no implications associated with this Report.

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

Not applicable

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

Direct to the Board

2.4 Recommendation

For the Board to agree to suspend Standing Order 3.2 and approve the continuation of the current appointment of Chairperson to 30 June 2027.

3 List of appendices

None