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INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD



Meeting date: 23 June 2026

Item: 5.1

Title: Integration Scheme Review

Responsible Officer: Chief Officer

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1 Purpose

This is presented to the Committee for:

- Decision

This report relates to a:

- Government policy/directive
- Legal requirement
- NHS Board/ LA /Integration Joint Board Strategy or Direction

Competence:

- The original Integration Scheme was due for review after 5 years. The draft Scheme has been subject to public consultation and is presented for approval. The Amendment Order 2025 has been added to the detail on voting rights at section 2.7. Further work will be required in relation to the detail associated with the implementation of the Order within the IJB Standing Orders.

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Following the period of public consultation, the attached Scheme at Appendix 1 is presented for approval. During the consultation period senior officers have reflected on the term of office on the IJB as detailed at section 2.8. In order to improve consistency of leadership and enhance the timeframe for IJB members to oversee and influence strategic intent, it is proposed that the term of office on the IJB is extended to match the individual's appointment term on the relevant parent body. The consultation responses received are detailed at Appendix 2. As the consultation summary explains many responses related to Public Sector Reform matters as opposed to the function of the Scheme as defined in existing legislation.

2.2 Background

It is a legal requirement for Health and Social Care Partnerships to have an Integration Scheme in accordance with the legal duties associated with Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and to review it every 5 years.

2.3 Assessment

The attached documentation in the Appendix 1 provides a refreshed Scheme for approval.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

The Scheme sets out the parameters by which the Integration Joint Board will operate.

2.3.2 Workforce

Workforce matters for delegated services are included in the scope of the Scheme in relation to the role of the Chief Officer.

2.3.3 Financial

The Scheme includes the financial responsibilities and relationships relating to the Integration Joint Board and parent bodies.

Accountants Name	Signature

Comment from the Chief Finance Officer:

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

The Scheme requires risk management governance to be established and maintained for the Board and delegated services. A revised Risk Strategy was approved at the IJB Audit and Risk Committee at the June 2026 series of meetings.

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

The proposed changes in the draft revised Scheme have no impact on operational delivery and therefore no equalities impact assessment is required,

2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development

N/A

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

Appendix 2 provides a summary and the detail of the public responses to the Scheme consultation.

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

2.4 Recommendation

- **Decision** – Agree the approval of the Scheme as detailed at Appendix 1 for submission to Scottish Ministers.

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

Appendix 1 – Draft Integration Scheme June 2026

Appendix 2 – Scheme Consultation Summary