

AGENDA ITEM NO 3(a)

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 2.00pm.

Present: Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

Councillor JULIE BELL, Angus Council – Chair
STEVEN WHYTE, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside
MARTIN BLACK, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside
SAM RIDDELL, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside
Councillor CHRIS BEATTIE, Angus Council
Councillor LOIS SPEED, Angus Council

Non-Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

JILLIAN GALLOWAY, Chief Officer
ALEXANDER BERRY, Chief Finance Officer
CHRIS BOYLE, Staff Representative, Angus Council
SUZIE BROWN, Nurse Director
ALISON CLEMENT, Clinical Director
ANDREW THOMSON, General Practitioner
ANDREW JACK, Service User Representative
KIRSTY LEE, Chief Social Work Officer, Angus Council
DAVID MACKENZIE, Carers Representative
BARBARA TUCKER, Staff Representative, NHS Tayside

Advisory Officers

JOHN COOPER, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
EUNICE MCLENNAN, Head of Community Health and Care Services AHSCP
LISA PRUDOM, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
DAVID COULSON, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Tayside
FIONA KELLY, Legal, Governance & Change, Angus Council
NICOLA RICHARDSON, NHS Tayside, Director of Allied Health Professions

Councillor Julie Bell, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Chair intimated that Report No IJB 84/24 had been issued with a link to the previous year's Annual Report in error. Due to the nature and length of the Appendix the Integration Joint Board agreed that the Report be deferred to the meeting of the IJB on 26 February 2025.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Christopher Schofield, Registered Medical Practitioner and Hayley Mearns, Third Sector Representative.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENT OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTES INCLUDING ACTION LOG AND CHAIR'S ASSURANCE REPORTS

(a) Previous Meetings

The minutes of meetings of the Angus Integration Joint Board of 28 August 2024, 30 October 2024 and Special meeting of 7 November 2024 were submitted and approved as correct records.

(b) Action Log

The action log of the Angus Integration Joint Board of 30 October 2024 was submitted. The Depute Chief Officer provided an overview and brief update in relation to the progress made with only one item remaining outstanding.

Thereafter, the Integration Joint Board noted the update and the action log.

(c) Chair's Assurance Report - Strategic Planning Group (SPG) – 27 November 2024

There was submitted the Chair's Assurance Report together with the minute from the Angus Strategic Planning Group (SPG) of 27 November 2024. The Depute Chief Officer introduced the Report.

In responding to Steven Whyte's question regarding the development sessions, the Chief Finance Officer advised that a briefing note would be issued before the end of December 2024 with planned dates for the development sessions.

Councillor Speed requested a brief update on neuro developmental Disorder and the transitioning of young people into adulthood, what the test of change would entail and how their needs would be catered for. The Depute Chief Officer and Clinical Director provided a detailed response.

Thereafter, the Integration Joint Board noted the contents of the Report.

(d) Chair's Assurance Report & Minute – Special IJB Audit Committee – 30 October 2024

There was submitted the minute of Special meeting of the Angus IJB Audit Committee of 30 October 2024. Due to an administrative error the Chair's Assurance Report had been omitted from the papers, therefore, Alexander Berry, Chief Finance Officer provided members with a verbal update highlighting progress. He advised that the paper would be issued to members for information purposes.

Thereafter, the Integrated Joint Board noted the special minute of meeting of the IJB Audit Committee of 30 October 2024.

4. APPOINTMENT TO THE INTEGRATED JOINT BOARD

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 30 October 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 77/24 by the Chief Officer on the appointment by Angus Council of Councillor Chris Beattie, as a voting member to the IJB, following the resignation of Councillor George Meechan in October 2024.

The Integration Joint Board agreed to note the appointment of Councillor Chris Beattie as a voting member of the IJB.

5. CHIEF OFFICER UPDATE

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 30 October 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 78/24 by the Chief Officer providing an update to members on items that at this time did not merit a full Report, but the Board may wish to note the updated position. The Report detailed updates on work underway across Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) and information in relation to a range of policy updates.

The Depute Chief Officer highlighted items within the Report regarding the staff partnership work and an outline of staff partnership forums. A series of events which would be held during the week of 11 November 2024 celebrating success were listed within the Report.

The Report also updated members of the current position with regards to delayed discharges, confirming that there were currently 19 delays across Angus, 6 of which were Learning Disabilities.

Chris Boyle, Staff Representative asked what the impact would be with regards to the service review and the pause currently in place with regards the proposed cuts to services.

Alexander Berry, Chief Finance Officer, explained that this would be captured within the next Financial Planning Update, and that the pause had not stopped or changed any of the objectives.

The Chair asked for an update on unmet need and how the Annat Bank Practice, now known as the Annat Health, was performing. Lisa Prudom, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP provided a verbal update to the Board.

Councillor Speed asked for clarity on the Careers Act monies with regards to carers plans and assessments and if these were linked in with self-directed support assessments. It was confirmed that if anyone came forward and requested a Carers Assessment this would be done.

Martin Black, Non-Executive Board Member asked for clarity with regards to the information that had been issued to 'relevant IJB members' on barriers to accessing leisure facilities, it was confirmed that this would be issued to all members.

Following questions and comments, the Integration Joint Board noted the contents of the Report.

6. UPDATED ANNUAL WORKPLAN 2024-2025

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 30 October 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 79/24 by the Chief Officer setting out the Updated Annual Work Plan/Report Schedule for the Angus Integrated Joint Board for 2024/2025.

The Report provided members with updates and changes to the planner.

The Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to approve the updated workplan/reporting scheduled for 2024/2025; and
- (ii) to note that the annual workplan/reporting schedule 2024/25 would be presented at each IJB meeting with progress updates as a standing agenda item.

7. FINANCE REPORT – 2024/25

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 30 October 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 80/24 by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update on the financial position of the IJB including financial projections for 2024/25, planned interventions, reserves and financial risk.

The Chief Finance Officer provided an overview of some of the key areas of the Report, including the current position from a financial perspective, noting that Appendix 1 to the Report detailed a projected under spend of c£3.702m for 2024/2025.

Section 5 of the Report highlighted an overspend within In Patient Mental Health Services and it was noted that discussions were currently being held with a savings proposal being brought to the Board at a later date.

Section 7 of the Report set out a proposal do devolve authority to deploy underspends during 2024/25. Noting the importance of having flexibility to fund any in-year responses to service pressures, should proposals within the report be supported this would then ultimately result in the IJB reporting a near – breakeven position in 2024/25.

Councillor Speed advised that she wished to see future years monies being spent within Angus rather than the reserves going back to the Council or NHS. The Chief Finance Officer recognised these concerns and agreed to gather a spectrum of views and comments to allow for future reflection.

Following questions and comments, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to acknowledge the overall projected financial position of Angus IJB;
- (ii) to devolve authority to the IJB Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer, in conjunction with the IJB's Chair, Vice Chair and voting members, to develop and action high-level proposals to deploy the 2024/25 forecast in-year underspend as described in section 7 of the Report; and
- (iii) to note the update regarding the deployment of reserves as set out in Appendix 2 attached to the Report.

8. STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN

It was reported that the Integrated Joint Board's Workplan originally envisaged a Strategic Financial Update to the IJB meeting in December 2024 however, having reflected complexities in bringing the Report together, it was noted that this had now been deferred to IJB meeting on 26 February 2025.

It was noted that once the Scottish Government's 2025/26 Budget update had been received and consolidated with other information, a Strategic Financial Planning briefing update would be shared with IJB Board members. This was expected to happen before the end of December 2025.

The Integration Joint Board noted the position.

9. ANGUS INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES – THE 'ANGUS PROMISE' PROGRESS REPORT 2021-2024 AND PROMISE PLAN 2024-2027

There was submitted Report No IJB 81/24 by the Chief Social Work Officer presenting an overview of the partnership work by corporate parents from April 2021 to March 2024 to deliver improvements for our looked after children and young people. The overarching plan for 2024 – 2027 was also attached. This presented an opportunity for the Angus IJB to consider its role in respect of the Promise and identify areas where the Promise could influence and drive the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) agenda.

The Chief Social Work Officer provided an overview of the Report following which it was agreed that a short video be shown.

The Integration Joint Board agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the video presentation so as to avoid disclosing confidential information in terms of Section 50A(2) and (3)(b) to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The meeting resumed in public at 1.58pm.

Over the course of the plan, a particular focus on two key areas had been taken; voice and relationships. The Report presented an overview of the progress made in Angus and identified where work still required to be done, and highlighted progress in a number of areas, including:

- Ensuring the voice of children, young people and families were heard and they were able to influence decisions that impact them
- Service improvements, developments, and challenges
- Supporting families and relationships
- Workforce including training and support to staff.

The Report also highlighted the importance of providing early help to support the mental health and wellbeing of the children and young people and the impact of the services targeted at providing early intervention.

The Angus Promise Plan 2024/27 was an overarching 3-year plan which was a continuation of the good work that had taken place through Angus Leading the Promise multi agency group, since 2021. The plan identified the key areas for development over the next 3 years to ensure

that the Council continued to move forward and kept our promise to the care experienced children, young people, and adults in Angus. The plan mirrored the National Plan 2024 – 2030 and had been developed based on feedback from children, young people and families as expressed through advocacy, direct consultation and wider feedback, the views and experiences of partners and the National Promise Partnership.

Following questions and comments, the Integrated Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note the contents of the Angus Integrated Children's Services – The 'Angus Promise' progress Report 2021-2024 and Promise Plan 2024 – 2027 as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (ii) to continue consideration and discussions as to how the Promise could influence and drive the work of AHSCP, especially regarding the transition of young people who were care leavers transitioning into Adult Services and the whole family approach to service provision.

10. IN PATIENT LEARNING DISABILITY TRANSITION UPDATE

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 28 August 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 82/24 by the Chief Officer updating members on the progress being made with the Inpatient Learning Disabilities Transition.

The Report advised that a subgroup of members from the Learning Disability Transition Task & Finish Group had developed and agreed objectives for the programme. The six objectives were subsequently approved by the Group and were detailed within the Report. The Group was also developing a Programme Execution Plan which described the background, aims and objectives, scope, communications strategy, risks (strategic and operational), roles and responsibilities, project controls, programme structure and relationships within other programmes of work, key dates and deliverables. The Report also provided an update on each of the 9 agreed recommendations within Section 5 of the Report.

A short life working group had met to develop an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), and the draft document would be presented to Learning Disability Transition Task & Finish Group for approval and would be included within the Programme Execution Plan. It was confirmed that the completed EQIA Report would be provided within the next Report.

Following questions the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note and continue to support the progress being made with the Inpatient Learning Disability Update; and
- (ii) to note that further updates would be submitted to future IJB meetings and that the IJB workplan would reflect this.

11. TAYSIDE MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY PROGRAMME UPDATE

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 28 August 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 83/24 by the Chief Officer updating members on the progress being made with the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Programme.

The Report provided an update on work taken forward and the progress made by the programme and highlighted key updates with regards to Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Whole System Change Priorities, changes were being investigated in a variety of different ways: Service Redesign Initiatives, Improvement Projects, Operation/Business as usual and Enablers. The Report also provided a breakdown of this work and decisions of the Board which was represented within Figure 2 of the Report.

Following questions and comments the Integration Joint Board agreed to note and support the progress being made with the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Programme.

12. ANGUS ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

As noted above, the Integration Joint Board agreed that Report No IJB 84/24 by the Chief Officer be deferred to the meeting of the IJB on 26 February 2025.

13. CLINICAL, CARE AND PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE ASSURANCE REPORT

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 28 August 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 85/24 by the Chief Officer providing assurance on the clinical and care governance activities and arrangements across Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) as outlined in the Getting It Right For Everyone (GIRFE) Framework and in accordance with the AHSCP integration scheme. Clinical Governance was a statutory requirement to report on, at Board level, from Scottish Government as per NHS MEL (1998) 75.

The Report provided the Board with a detailed update which covered risk, resilience and indicators and how this risk was managed while ensuring quality care was provided. The Report informed members that the Chief Officer for Angus HSCP suggested that the level of assurance provided was reasonable, there was a list of factors within the Report as to how this decision had been reached.

Following questions, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note the contents of the Report:-
- (ii) that there was a reasonable level of assurance regards clinical, care and professional governance within AHSCP; and
- (iii) to acknowledge that further reports would be presented as per the workplan.

At this stage, the meeting was adjourned for a short comfort break. The meeting resumed at 3.44pm.

14. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2025/26-2029/30

There was submitted Report No IJB 86/24 by the Chief Officer informing the Board of the Angus Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for 2025/26 – 2029/30, which had been approved by Angus Council's Communities Committee on 26 November 2024.

The Report set out the Strategic investment priorities for affordable housing over a five year period to achieve the strategic vision set out in the Angus Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2023-25 that 'everyone in Angus has a good quality, safe, secure and warm home that they can afford'. The SHIP sits alongside the LHS 2023/28 as one of its core delivery mechanisms.

Housing supply targets based on the most recent housing need and demand evidence, which received robust and credible status in May 2023, had been set. As a result, there was an increased focus on making best use of existing stock and empty homes. In addition, there was also a focus on the requirement for affordable housing solutions that would contribute to sustainability, including investing in the 20-minute neighbourhood concept and net zero targets.

Following questions, discussion and comments, the Integrated Joint Board agreed to note the contents of the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan for 2025/26-2029/30 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report.

15. AUDIT SCOTLAND - INTEGRATION JOINT BOARDS FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE 2024

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of special meeting of the Integrated Joint Board – Audit Committee of 30 October 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 87/24 by the Chief Finance Officer which provided members with Audit Scotland's latest report regarding the finance and performance of IJBs in Scotland, highlighting some responses already agreed within the Report.

The Chief Finance Officer provided a brief overview of the report noting that the Report had previously been share with members and provided an update with regards to the Specific Action plan.

The Integrated Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) having considered, to note the Audit Scotland Report attached as Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (ii) to support the action plan as agreed at the IJB's Audit Committee in October 2024.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The IJB noted that the next hybrid meeting of the Angus Integration Joint Board would be held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 2.00pm.

VALEDICTORY

The Depute Chief Officer advised that this was the last meeting for Councillor Julie Bell as the Chair of the IJB and on behalf of the Board thanked her for her support, contributions and for providing an invaluable service to Angus IJB.