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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Chief Social Work Officer Report

Report by Chief Officer, Health and Social Care

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update the Joint Board on the content of the Chief Social Worker's Report.

COMPETENCE

2. The matters arising in the report have no immediate financial, legal or HR implications.

SUMMARY

3. There is a statutory requirement for all local authorities to appoint a professionally qualified Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) who is registered with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). The overall role of the CSWO is focused on the provision of effective professional advice and guidance to local authority Elected Members and Officers in the provision of Social Work services, whether directly provided or commissioned. The CSWO also has a responsibility for overall performance improvement and the identification and management of corporate risk insofar as these relate to Social Work Services. This is the seventh annual report from the Comhairle's Chief Social Work Officer and covers the period April 2017 to March 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. It is recommended that the IJB notes the report

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