



CÙRAM IS SLÀINTE NAN EILEAN SIAR INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Western Isles Integration Joint Board
held on the 19 November 2020 at 10.30am,
via Microsoft Teams

Special Meeting – Approval of Annual Accounts

Voting Members Present:

Ms. Rosemary Bugler	Non-Executive Director, NHS WI
Cllr. Norman A. MacDonald	Councillor, CnES
Cllr. Kenny John MacLeod	Councillor, CnES / Vice Chair of IJB
Mrs. Gillian McCannon	Chair of IJB / Non-Executive Director, NHS WI (Meeting Chair)
Mrs. Georgina Marczak	Non-Executive Director, NHS WI
Cllr. Angus Morrison	Councillor, CnES
Cllr. Paul Steele	Councillor, CnES

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Debbie Bozkurt	Chief Finance Officer, IJB
Mr. Hector MacLeod	Third Sector Representative
Mrs. Ann Moqbel	Service User Representative
Mrs. Morag Munro	Third Sector Representative
Mrs. Dana Murray	Staff side Representative, NHS WI

In Attendance:

Mr. Malcolm Burr	Chief Executive, CnES
Mr. Robert Emmott	Director of Finance, CnES
Mr. Paul MacAskill	Chief Internal Auditor to IJB, CnES
Mr. Robert MacAskill	Internal Auditor to IJB, CnES
Cllr. Iain Archie MacNeil	Councillor, CnES – Proxy
Mrs. Michelle McPhail	Business Manager, NHS WI
Cllr. Paul Finnegan	Councillor, CnES - Proxy

1. WELCOME

The Chair, Mrs. McCannon took the Chair and welcomed all those attending the meeting.



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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies:

Mr. Ray Buist	Auditor, Audit Scotland
Mr. David Gibson	Chief Social Work Officer, CnES
Mr. Gordon Jamieson	Chief Executive, NHS WI
Mr. Donald MacAulay	Scottish Ambulance Service
Ms. Dene MacLeod	Chief Executive Hebridean Housing Partnership
Ms. Fiona MacLeod	Service Users Representative
Mrs. Kathleen McCulloch	Community Lead Nurse, NHS WI
Dr. David Rigby	Non-Executive Director - Proxy
Dr. Francis Tierney	Scottish Ambulance Service
Dr. Maggie Watts	Director of Public Health, NHS - Proxy

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration(s) of interest(s) were raised in relation to any of the agenda items to be discussed.

4. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

4.1 IJB Annual Accounts – Audit Scotland Report

4.2 IJB Annual Accounts

4.2.1 Letter of Representation

The Chair asked Cllr. Morrison, Chair of the IJB Audit Committee, to provide an overview of the presentation of the Annual Accounts reports to the IJB Audit Scotland on 18 November 2020.

Cllr. Morrison advised that the IJB Audit Committee had reviewed and scrutinised the Audit Scotland Report, and the IJB Annual Accounts, yesterday.

It was noted that all the reports are presented in great detail, however he reflected on year 18/19 where the IJB was possibly regarded as one of the best IJB in



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Scotland. However, in reviewing the issues and recommendations within the 19/20 Audit Scotland report, life has been more challenging, least of all the vacancy of the Chief Officer. He advised and reflected on part of the reason for the noted issues in the report arising due to both Chief Executives being unable to jointly appoint to an interim Chief Officer role. The Audit Scotland report recommendations require addressing by the appointee Chief Officer, Mr. Nick Fayers, and management deadline dates may have to be changed to enable sufficient time for Mr. Fayers to understand the background and decide on the best way forward.

Cllr. Morrison indicated within the IJB Annual Accounts that it denotes a break-even achievement for fiscal year 2019/20, with the Accounts being unqualified. However this required a significant level of reserves being used. He commented upon the need for Ms. Bozkurt, as Section 95 Officer to present to the full IJB the sustainable recovery plan and specific savings to enable break-even in 2020/21, however this has not been presented to date.

Ms. Bozkurt wished to state that the Accounts are unqualified which advises of no accountancy issues or process. The reason for the financial position is one of the lack of funding to deliver the required services. There is an ongoing challenge to redesign or transform changes with the NHS under pressure and dealing with a pandemic.

Mr. Burr, as the Interim Accountable Officer, there are no issues with the Accounts and we are able to sign off the report for 2019/20. However in relation to 2020/21 he would have difficulty in signing off a set of accounts given the current financial position.

He indicated that as Chief Executive of Comhairle, the Council cannot support this position and any issues reflect on both organisation with the need to address transformation change as the IJB goes forward as a matter of urgency.

Ms. Bozkurt advised that Scottish Government have provided all Covid funding reimbursement for the specific areas of expenditure to specifically cover the work required to exclusively address Covid within Health and Social Care. It was noted that additional resources would be provided to Health and Social Care areas with a portion of an additional £100m coming forward, could result in the IJB obtaining approximately £600k. NHS Western Isles have put in an additional bid for funding, £500k, over 18 months, to meet the extra nursing staff required to support Care Homes.



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Cllr. MacDonald indicated that part of the way forward is to ensure that Scottish Government provide the right level of resources directly to the 3rd Sector, who specifically support the work of Health and Social Care. They need to be financially supported in the same as both Parent organisations,

The Chair remarked on the comments provided, thanking both Cllr. Morrison for his presentation as well as colleagues for their comments.

She wished to respond to some of the points raised. She advised that no-one is using Covid as an excuse for the position of the IJB, however the IJB, Health and Social Care need to address the services differently without causing any detriment to the users, which is you, your family, your friends or the residents of the Islands in general. Staff are working well, in very difficult position at grass roots, delivering services to patients that they care for and as an IJB we thank them for this.

The Chair asked Ms. Bozkurt for her presentation of the Annual Accounts. Ms. Bozkurt noted that most of the points have been raised by Cllr. Morrison and reflected on by colleagues. She indicated that the Accounts are a review of the year and the position is as noted, we are heading towards the end of 20/21 and the position is challenging with an ever moving platform due to Covid, not an excuse but reality. However she expressed her concerns as we continue to move forward into 21/22, again, as in previous years, iterating the ongoing challenges facing Health and Social Care in the aging population and the general island demographics.

Ms. Bozkurt reflected on the current position in respect of over and underspends, all within the areas previously noted to colleagues, however there are areas where a significant amount of work has been undertaken to support services as we move forward e.g. full intake of specialist doctors which should reduce the risk of reliance on high cost locums.

Mr. Burr advised that with the Scottish Government currently reviewing the Care Homes under a National Health Care Service, we don't know the outcome of the review as yet, but the islands need to be prepared and have sustainable services in place. Nationally a large number of IJBs have already advised the Government that they are running out of money to provide Health and Social Care.

The Chair thanked colleagues for all their comments and looked to bring the meeting to a close. She asked Member if they accepted and noted the recommendations in the Audit Scotland Report and approved the Annual Accounts, which they did.



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Decision: The Board formally noted the recommendations within the Audit Report. The Board formally approved the IJB Annual Accounts for 2019/20.

Action: The Accounts will be formally signed off by the Chair, Accountable Officer (Malcolm Burr & Gordon Jamieson) and the Chief Financial Officer.

Ms. Bozkurt advised that she will present, as part of a development session in December 2020, the budget slides for 21/22 as well as the savings, which have already been identified and risk rated. The Chair thanked Ms. Bozkurt for this.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Location: Microsoft Teams

Time: 10.00am

Date: ~~27.02.20 / 26.03.20 / 25.06.20 / 24.09.20 / 17.12.20~~

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution to the discussion and brought the meeting to a close at 12.15pm

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