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DEPUTISING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

Report by Chief Officer

20 June 2019

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request that the IJB delegates authority to the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executives of NHS Western Isles and the Comhairle, to appoint a suitably qualified officer to undertake the role of Section 95 officer on a temporary basis if the IJB's Chief Finance Officer is not at work.

COMPETENCE

- 1.1 There are no legal, financial or HR matters arising from the report.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 The IJB has a set of formal duties in law in respect of good financial governance which requires the oversight of a Section 95 Officer. This officer performs a legally defined role in relation to the financial governance of the IJB and, in particular, preparing and signing off on the annual accounts.
- 2.2 Recent circumstances highlighted that the IJB has no provision in place should the Chief Finance Officer not be at work, rendering the Section 95 duties incapable of being performed. As such, it is recommended that the Chief Officer be allowed to remedy this by appointing another suitably qualified officer to the role on a temporary basis in these circumstances, in consultation with the Chief Executives of NHS Western Isles and the Comhairle.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the IJB delegates authority to the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executives of NHS Western Isles and the Comhairle, to appoint a suitably qualified officer to undertake the role of Section 95 officer on a temporary basis if the Chief Finance Officer is not at work.

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