

**Item: 10**

**General Meeting of the Council: 6 May 2026.**

**Integration Joint Board – Appointment of Voting Members.**

**Report by Chief Executive.**

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## **1. Overview**

- 1.1. This report seeks nominations in respect of the voting members on the Orkney Integration Joint Board for a period of one year to May 2027.
- 1.2. The Integration Joint Board is a body corporate, established by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 under section 9 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 1.3. The 2014 Act also requires health boards and local authorities to prepare, agree and consult on an integration scheme, which must be reviewed every five years. Orkney's Integration Scheme was approved by Scottish Ministers on 6 February 2016 and was subject to its five yearly review in 2021. Discussions are ongoing regarding the next review due in 2026.
- 1.4. The Integration Scheme states that the voting membership of the Integration Joint Board should comprise three elected members of the Local Authority and three non-executive directors of the Health Board.
- 1.5. In terms of the Orkney Integration Scheme all appointments are for a period of two years, with the exception of the Chief Officer, the Chief Finance Officer of the Board and the Chief Social Work Officer, who are members of the Board by virtue of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 and the post they hold.
- 1.6. As well as three voting members, the Council can also appoint up to three proxy members.
- 1.7. Appointments to the Integration Joint Board were made on 14 May 2024 for a period of two years, with details provided in section 3 below.

- 1.8. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board rotate every two years in May, to enable the appointments to rotate equally between the Local Authority and the Health Board. Currently, the Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board is held by the Council until May 2027.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that members of the Council:
- i. Appoint three members to the Integration Joint Board for the period to May 2027.
  - ii. Appoint one of the three members to be Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board for a period of one year.
  - iii. Appoint three proxy members to the Integration Joint Board for the period to May 2027.

## **3. Existing Membership**

- 3.1. Existing membership of the Integration Joint Board is as follows:

- Voting Members:
  - Councillor Rachael A King (currently Vice Chair).
  - Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
  - Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Proxy Members:
  - Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
  - Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
  - Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

## **4. Additional Workload**

- 4.1. It should be noted that the voting members of the Integration Joint Board will also be members of the following groups appointed by the Integration Joint Board:
- Strategic Planning Group – the Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board chairs this group (regardless of which party holds the post of Chair).
  - Performance and Audit Committee – membership comprises four voting members of the Integration Joint Board, with both the Chair and Vice Chair being ineligible, therefore the other two voting members require to be members. One of the Council voting members will Chair this Committee, if NHS Orkney holds the post of Chair of the Integration Joint Board. Councillor Hall

currently chairs this Committee, as the Chair of the Integration Joint is held by an NHS Orkney voting member.

- Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee – the Terms of Reference allow for two Council voting members; however, it should be noted that the Chair of the Integration Joint Board (when this is a Council appointment) cannot sit on this Committee.

- 4.2. The Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever is the Council appointment, acts as spokesperson, from the Council’s perspective, on all health, social care and social work matters, including attendance at the Health and Social Care Board of CoSLA.

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**Implications of Report**

1. **Financial:** none.
2. **Legal:** none.
3. **Corporate Governance:** Appointments are regulated by the Integration Scheme. Should a vote be required in respect of any of the appointments recommended in section 2, in accordance with Standing Orders this will be done by secret ballot.
4. **Human Resources:** none.
5. **Equalities:** not applicable.
6. **Island Communities Impact:** not applicable.
7. **Links to Council Plan:** not applicable.
8. **Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan:** not applicable.
9. **Environmental and Climate Risk:** not applicable.
10. **Risk –** not applicable.
11. **Procurement –** not applicable.
12. **Health and Safety:** not applicable.
13. **Property and Assets:** not applicable.
14. **Information Technology:** not applicable.
15. **Cost of Living:** not applicable.

**List of Background Papers**

Orkney Integration Scheme.

Minute of the Special General Meeting of Orkney Islands Council held on 14 May 2024.