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## Minute of Integration Joint Board Meeting

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**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**Time:** 2pm

**Place:** Elgin House

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### Present

Cllr Julie Dettbarn – Voting Member, Chair of IJB  
Cllr Hugh Hunter – Voting Member, SAC  
Cllr Cameron Ramsay – Voting Member, SAC  
Cllr Alan Lamont – Voting Member, SAC  
Liam Gallacher – Voting Member, Non-Executive, NHS  
Ewing Hope – Voting Member, Non-Executive, NHS

### In Attendance

Mark Inglis – Director of Health and Social Care  
Stewart Marshall – Head of Community, Health and Care Services, HSCP  
Gary Hoey - Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services, HSCP  
Jackie Hamilton – Interim Chief Social Work Officer, HSCP  
Lisa Duncan - Chief Finance Officer, HSCP  
Rosemary Robertson – Associate Nurse Director, HSCP  
Marie Oliver – Third Sector Representative, VASA  
Louise Gibson - Lead Allied Health Professional Advisor, HSCP  
Sheila Tyeson – Senior Manager, Planning and Performance, HSCP  
Martin Rogan – Carers Representative  
Glenda Hanna – Independent Sector Representative, Scottish Care  
Nadine McCall - Administration Assistant (minute taker), HSCP

### Cllr J Dettbarn - in the Chair

Agenda	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome/ Apologies/ Membership Updates</b></p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Christine McMenamin, Sharon Morrow, Jean Ford, Sally Amor and Frances Ewan.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest to note.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minute of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minute of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising/ Action Log</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising to note.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Chief Officer's Update</b></p> <p>M Inglis advised that this report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report, but the Board may wish to note. Topics covered in this report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Joint Inspection – Children's Services</b></li> <li><b>ii. Voting Rights – IJB – COSLA Response</b></li> <li><b>iii. Freedom of Information Extension – Scottish Government consultation</b></li> <li><b>iv. Recruitment and staffing updates</b></li> </ul> <p>M Inglis shared a brief update relating to each topic.</p> <p>The Board congratulated Gary Hoey and Jackie Hamilton on their new appointments.</p> <p>G Hanna shared an initial statement from Scottish Care regarding Freedom of Information (FOI) Extension Consultation.</p> <p>The statement noted that Scottish Care will share a briefing with members in due course to explain the proposals and their position around this. Scottish Care would encourage members to review the consultation and consider how these changes might impact their services. The statement expresses that it is vital that any decision reflects the realities of service delivery and safeguards the ability to provide high-quality, person-led care.</p>	

6.	<p><b>Summary briefing from other Governance Meetings (if available/relevant)</b></p> <p>There were none to note.</p>	
<b>Items for Agreement</b>		
7.	<p><b>Financial Recovery Plan Update – December 2025</b></p> <p>L Duncan advised that the purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Financial Recovery Plan approved by the IJB on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</p> <p>L Duncan informed that the Budget Monitoring Report for period 3 presented to the IJB on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, projected an overspend of £5.171m, broken down as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Care Services delivered by South Ayrshire Council are projected to be overspent by £5.288m</li> <li>• Services delivered by NHS Ayrshire and Arran are projected to be underspent by £0.578m</li> <li>• Lead Partnership arrangements are projecting an overspend of £0.461m, this includes our share of East Ayrshire’s overspend £0.160m and North Ayrshire’s overspend £1.819m combined with their contribution of £0.092m to our lead partnership services overspend.</li> </ul> <p>The IJB approved a financial recovery plan with actions to be taken to reduce the projected overspend, Appendix A provides a summary of action to bring the budget back in line.</p> <p>L Duncan advised in respect of Lead Partnership overspends, recovery plans have been developed and are subject to approval by East and North Ayrshire IJB’s. The recovery plans in relation to Lead Partnership overspends has been approved by the relevant partnerships.</p> <p>L Duncan provided an update in terms of the financial recovery plan actions taken across various services, intended to recover £5.171m to balance the budget in 2025-26.</p> <p>L Duncan explained that the recovery plan has been developed with Head of Service Community Care, Service and Team Leaders and both NHS and SAC Finance colleagues. The recovery plan has been scrutinised and reviewed by the HSCP Directorate Management Team and the IJB Budget Working Group.</p> <p>The IJB Risk Management Strategy categories the level of financial risk</p>	

	<p>as high and notes mitigating actions taken to address the level of risk.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content and agreed the recommendations of the report.</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Budget Monitoring Period 9 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b></p> <p>L Duncan advised that the purpose of this report is to advise the IJB of the projected financial outturn for the financial year 2025-26 at month 9 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. The report will also provide an update on progress made against approved savings and movements on the annual approved budget for 2025-26. Request for approval on use of reserves, and requests for funding from the Improvement and Innovation reserve fund, and budget virements for approval are also included.</p> <p>The projected outturn as at the end of December 2025 is an overall overspend of £0.894m, a favourable movement of £0.103m from period 6. L Duncan noted that the projected outturn for Council side of the budget is based on projections at end of November 2025 this accounts for 34% of the IJB budget. The remaining 64% of the IJB budget relating to NHS and Lead Partnership projected outturn is based on projections at end of December 2025.</p> <p>L Duncan provided a breakdown of the projected outturn.</p> <p>L Duncan gave an update on the Pay Awards for 2025-26 for both organisations which have been agreed.</p> <p>L Duncan informed that the projected outturn of £0.894m overspend is a favourable movement from period 6 of £0.103m and detailed what has attributed to this. L Duncan also detailed the adverse movements within various areas which have offset the favourable movements.</p> <p>L Duncan continued by giving an overview of the projected financial outturn underlying assumptions. An explanation of budget movements in year, along with use of uncommitted reserves and budget virements seeking approval.</p> <p><b>The Board noted and approved the recommendations.</b></p>	
9.	<p><b>Medium Term Financial Forecast (2026/27 – 2030/31)</b></p> <p>L Duncan informed that this report is to present to the IJB the Medium-Term Financial Forecast (MTFF) for the period 2026–2031, outlining the projected financial position, key risks, and the scale of the budget gap facing Health and Social Care services in South Ayrshire, to note work is in progress to develop savings for IJB Budget approval on the 11th of March 2026.</p>	

	<p>L Duncan explained that the medium-term financial forecast outlines the significant financial challenges for the IJB over the next five years. Scenario planning shows a budget gap ranging from £29.3m (best case) to £57.7m (worst case).</p> <p>L Duncan outlined the range of options developed to address the budget gap.</p> <p>The next steps include developing savings options working in collaboration with Budget Working Group, engaging with funding partners and locality planning partners on options and potential service delivery changes.</p> <p>M Inglis acknowledged L Duncan's diligence and hard work to develop this.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding public consultation and in particular the approach North Ayrshire had taken to go very public with their situation.</p> <p>M Inglis informed that the Council have done some consultation in terms of a survey being circulated to South Ayrshire residents to look at what they think in terms of saving cuts etc.</p> <p>M Inglis advised that they would at some point be communicating with staff and the public about the challenging times to ensure they are engaged and aware.</p> <p>The Board commended L Duncan and budget holders for the work they have undertaken.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report and the recommendations.</b></p>	
<b>For Information to IJB</b>		
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Integration Joint Board - Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>S Tyeson advised that the IJB Terms of Reference has been updated and brought to today's meeting for information to the Board.</p> <p>S Tyeson advised if there were any changes identified, these should be sent to the HSCP Governance Team.</p> <p>Once finalised the Terms of Reference would be filed and brought back to the IJB every two years for review.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Winter Planning</b></p> <p>S Marshall noted that this report provides a summary of winter planning and actions that have taken place across the HSCP.</p>	

	<p>S Marshall highlighted some key areas from the circulated report and advised that the Board are asked to recognise the work that has taken place to prepare for winter pressures and ensure ongoing focus on the delivery of safe, effective person-centred care in line with national drives and local priorities.</p> <p>M Inglis thanked S Marshall for his work on this and paid tribute to the staff within NHS and hospitals for their commitment and ongoing hard work during the winter period, which was a huge pressure across the whole system.</p> <p>J Dettbarn extended her appreciation for the staff who have worked through difficult times.</p> <p>J Dettbarn also thanked Lisa McAlpine for her management of a very sensitive situation in terms of the closure of a South Ayrshire Care Home and relocation of residents.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report and thank S Marshall for the update.</b></p>	
12.	<p><b>NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Director of Public Health Report 2025: Growing Well to Live Well: Understanding the Burden of Disease</b></p> <p>For information only.</p> <p>S Amor presenting on this subject at IJB Briefing Session in May 2026.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Whistleblowing Quarter 2 Report - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b></p> <p>For information only.</p>	
<b>Items for noting</b>		
14.	<p><b>Minutes for noting:</b></p> <p><i>Strategic Planning Advisory Group – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025</i></p>	
<b>Any other business</b>		
<p>G Hoey informed J Hamilton and himself had attended a meeting with COSLA on 8<sup>th</sup> of February, where the Care Inspectorate announced the immediate review of group-based exploitation sexual abuse and exploitation of children.</p> <p>An Inspection Lead must be appointed by 13<sup>th</sup> March and core smart survey gathering initial information to be returned by 17<sup>th</sup> of April. Case files and any other relevant information emerging from the initial information must be submitted Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May including details of policy and local arrangements. Subsequent engagement with Chief Officers Group regarding governance and assurance will also part of the process and scope of the review.</p> <p>G Hoey and Jackie Hamilton will keep the IJB and Chief Officers Group informed as they</p>		

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progress through the review.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026