

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>		
<b>Held on</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>		
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	<b>IJB Category 1 Responder Status</b>		
<b>Summary:</b>			
<p><b>This report asks the IJB to note that the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 has been amended to include IJBs as ‘Category 1 Responders’.</b></p>			
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<b>Recommendations</b>			
<p><b>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Notes that the IJB is now classified as a ‘Category 1 Responder’ within the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Route to meeting:</b>			
<p><b>This report is for noting – the Scottish Government undertook formal consultation on the change in 2020.</b></p>			
<b>Directions:</b>		<b>Implications:</b>	
1. No Directions Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

## IJB Category 1 Responder status

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report asks the IJB to note that the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 has been amended to include IJBs as 'Category 1 Responders'.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

#### **2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:**

- i. **Notes that the IJB is now classified as a 'Category 1 Responder' within the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.**

### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 was established with the aim of minimising disruption in the event of an emergency and to ensure that UK as a whole is better prepared to deal with a range of emergency situations.

3.2 Part 1 of the Act provides a focus on local arrangements for civil protection, establishing the statutory framework of roles and responsibilities for local responders. Part 2 of the Act focuses on emergency powers and establishes a framework for the use of special legislative measures that may be required to deal with exceptionally serious emergencies.

3.3 The Act defines emergencies as events or situations that threaten serious damage to:

- Human welfare: for example, loss of life, injury, illness or homelessness; disruption to food, money or energy supplies; disruption to communication systems, transport systems or health services
- The environment: for example, contamination of land, water or air with biological, chemical or
- radioactive matter or the destruction of animal or plant life
- The security of the UK: war or terrorism.

3.4 The Act imposes specific duties on two categories of responders:

- **Category 1 responders** are defined as the police, ambulance, fire and rescue services, local authorities, NHS Health Boards, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. Whilst the majority of Category 1 responders operate exclusively within Scotland, some have a broader range. For instance, the responsibilities of the British Transport Police cover all of Great Britain, whilst those of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency extend to the entire UK.
- **Category 2 responders** are defined as gas and electricity companies, rail and air transport operators, harbour authorities, telecommunications providers,

Scottish Water, the Health and Safety Executive and NHS National Services Scotland.

3.5 The Civil Contingencies Act (2004) makes the following requirements for those listed as Category 1 Responders:

1. Assess the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning.
2. Put in place emergency plans.
3. Put in place business continuity management arrangements.
4. Put in place arrangements to make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency.
5. Share information with other local responders to enhance co-ordination.
6. Co-operate with other local responders to enhance co-ordination and efficiency.
7. Provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations about business continuity management (Local Authorities only).

3.6 Within Ayrshire the Ayrshire Local Resilience Partnership (ALRP) meets to coordinate and drive the resilience agenda at the more local level. The ALRP is where local plans, training and exercises are coordinated, developed and reviewed. The ALRP meets both at strategic and tactical level and is supported by the [Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team](#).

#### **4. REPORT**

4.1 On 15th January 2021, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport wrote to confirm the intention to include IJBs as Category 1 Responders on conclusion of the [consultation](#). Work is underway with local partners and nationally (e.g. through the IJB Chief Officer network) to align plans and put the necessary arrangements in place to meet the requirements of the Act.

4.2 It is not anticipated that there will be any operational change to civil contingency planning arrangements within South Ayrshire as a result of this classification as the HSCP (i.e. as a directorate of both the local authority and the health board) has to date played a full role at a local level. Further discussions around any implications of the category 1 responder classification will be discussed at an officer level, including at the HSCP's Risk and Resilience Group.

#### **5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

5.1 Not applicable.

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS**

##### **6.1 Financial Implications**

6.1.1 There are no direct financial implications of agreeing this report. Financial implications of the IJB being a Category 1 Responder are not yet clear but would appear to be minimal given the HSCP (as a directorate of the council and NHS) already plays a role in civil contingency planning.

## **6.2 Human Resource Implications**

6.2.1 There are no direct HR implications of agreeing this report.

## **6.3 Legal Implications**

6.3.1 There are no direct legal implications of agreeing this report. The classification of the IJB as a Category 1 Responder is a change to the IJB's legal status in civil contingencies and ensures the IJB's participation.

## **6.4 Equalities implications**

6.4.1 There are no equalities implications of this report.

## **6.5 Sustainability implications**

6.5.1 There are no direct sustainability implications of agreeing this report.

## **6.6 Clinical/professional assessment**

6.6.1 This report does not require clinical or professional considerations to be reflected to the IJB.

## **7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

7.1 The Scottish Government consulted fully before making this change.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

8.1. There is no risk associated with this report.

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## **ASSOCIATED PAPERS**

**Scottish Government response to consultation:**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-amend-civil-contingencies-act-2004-include-integration-joint-boards-government-response/>