

Minute of Special Meeting Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board.

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 14 January 2022	10:00	Remotely by MS teams,

Present

Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Jennifer Adam-McGregor, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes and Councillor James MacLaren (all Renfrewshire Council); Margaret Kerr, Ann Cameron-Burns, John Matthews and Frank Shennan (all Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board); Karen Jarvis (Registered Nurse); Dr Shilpa Shivaprasad (Registered Medical Practitioner (non-GP)); Lisa Cameron (Council staff member involved in service provision); Diane Young (Health Board staff member involved in service provision); Alan McNiven (third sector representative); Fiona Milne (unpaid carer residing in Renfrewshire); Stephen Cruickshank (service user residing in Renfrewshire); John Boylan (Trade Union representative for Council); Dr Stuart Sutton (Registered Medical Practitioner (GP)); Christine Lavery, Interim Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership); Sarah Lavers, Chief Finance Officer (Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership) and John Trainer, Chief Social Work Officer (Renfrewshire Council).

In Attendance

Ken Graham, Head of Corporate Governance (Clerk) and Elaine Currie and Robert Devine, both Senior Committee Services Officers (all Renfrewshire Council); Frances Burns, Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement, Carron O'Byrne, Head of Health and Social Care (Paisley), James Higgins, Corporate Business Officer, David Fogg, Service Improvement Manager and John Miller, Communications Manager (all Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership) and Aimee MacDonald, Senior Auditor (Audit Scotland).

Chair

John Matthews, Chair, presided.

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair intimated that this meeting of the IJB would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on both the Council and HSCP websites.

Apology

Annie Hair (Trade Union representative for Health Board).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Ann Cameron-Burns and Lisa Cameron to their first meeting of the IJB.

1 COVID-19 Emergency Governance Arrangements

The Clerk submitted a report providing an update on the current position following the emergence of a new variant of coronavirus, Omicron, in November 2021, which with very high transmission rates had already become the dominant variant of COVID-19 within Scotland.

The report sought delegated authority to the Interim Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board (IJB), to make urgent decisions where those decisions could not wait until the next scheduled meeting of the IJB to ensure that Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) could take swift action to respond to the rapidly changing position.

The report intimated that the HSCP was continuing to deploy resources to where they were needed most, taking an informed, risk-assessed approach which could flex and adapt to changing circumstances and detailed the immediate priorities. The report noted that governance arrangements had been reviewed to ensure the IJB could respond to evolving circumstances.

DECIDED:

(a) That the existing situation with regard to the impact of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 on services provided by Renfrewshire HSCP be noted;

(b) That, as a temporary measure, the Interim Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB, be authorised to make urgent decisions, where necessary, arising from the impact of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 that required to be taken prior to the next meeting of the IJB, including on the temporary suspension of services and/or the redeployment of staff from areas to maintain service provision in priority areas; and

(c) That it be agreed that a report would be brought to the next scheduled meeting of the IJB on 28 January 2022 setting out the decisions taken by the Interim Chief Officer under the delegated powers authorised in this report.