

**East Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Integration Joint Board
23 March 2022 at 2pm
Council Chambers/ MS Teams**

Present:

Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Mr Craig McArthur, Director of Health and Social Care
Mr Alex McPhee, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Councillor Jon Herd, East Ayrshire Council
Dr Sukhomoy Das, NHS Non-Executive Board Member
Ms Lianne McNally, AHP Senior Manager
Ms Marion MacAulay, Chief Social Work Officer
Mr Neil Kerr, ADP Independent Chair
Ms Angela Gracie, CVO East Ayrshire
Councillor Iain Linton, East Ayrshire Council
Ms Sheila Cowan, NHS Non Executive Board Member
Ms Jennifer Wilson, NHS Non Executive Board Member
Ms Irene Clark, IJB Stakeholder Representative
Allina Das, NHS Partnership Representative
Councillor John McGhee, East Ayrshire Council

In Attendance:

Mr Jim Murdoch, Senior Manager Planning, Performance & Wellbeing
Ms Jo Gibson, Head of Wellbeing & Recovery
Ms Fiona Hart, IJB Finance Manager
Ms Shirley Ferguson, Trade Union Representative
Mr Erik Sutherland, Head of Locality Health & Care
Ms Kathleen Winter, Public Health Manager
Ms Catherine Adair, Governance & Communications Manager
Ms AnneMarie Gallagher, Clinical Nurse Leader Early Years
Mr Ewan McGill, Communications Officer
Ms Clare Kavanagh, Planning & Performance Officer
Mr Scott Cuthbertson, Magician
Ms Aileen Anderson, Committee Secretary

Agenda	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>Councillor Reid welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Michael Breen and Mahanth Manuel.</p>	

2.	<p><u>Good News Story – ‘Scotty’ The Magician!</u></p> <p>Ms AnneMarie Gallagher introduced Scott Cuthbertson and advised that ‘Scotty’ had been working with vulnerable children and young people struggling to engage with education during and following the lockdown period; it was noted that individuals had access to conventional services but these weren’t having the desired impact. It was noted that ‘Scotty’ had brought joy to young people and changed the hearts and minds of professionals who initially had reservations about the new approach.</p> <p>‘Scotty’ advised that his brief to was engage with and make children smile with no judgement, scoring or tests involved. It was highlighted that ‘Scotty’ has been working as magician for 23 years and felt that his involvement was providing children and young people with confidence and belief that they can achieve their goals. It was noted that ‘Scotty’ has carried out repeat visits to young people and can really see a difference in them in follow up meetings.</p> <p>The Board commended this innovative work and thanked ‘Scotty’ for his involvement and continued support to our children and young people.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declaration of Interest</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest noted.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minute of Previous Meeting held on 09 February 2022</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record of discussions.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>None</p>	
6.	<p><u>BVSR – Corporate Parenting</u></p> <p>Ms Marion MacAulay delivered a presentation on the Corporate Parenting Best Value Service Review (BVSR) which was supplemented with a report.</p> <p>The report was presented to advise the Board of the outcome of the BVSR undertaken by the three services which collectively form the Corporate Parenting Service i.e. Kinship Services, Children’s Houses, and Fostering and Adoption Services.</p> <p>Councillor Herd welcomed the report and noted that the BVSRs had been carried out during the pandemic and this had been particularly challenging; the teams were commended for managing to achieve and sustain the critical services to the most vulnerable people through the pandemic.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Herd queried the timescales around implementation and it was noted that there was no set timescales to date and that the implementation would be carefully considered and planned to support staff.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the progression of the improvement actions detailed for each services. 	
7.	<p><u>Governance Report</u></p> <p>Mr Craig McArthur presented the report to provide an update on governance arrangements in respect of membership of the Board; the move away from virtual meetings to a more hybrid model; and the forthcoming local government elections.</p> <p>The Board were asked to note that Professor Hazel Borland will retire from NHS Ayrshire & Arran, and therefore as a voting member of the IJB, on 31 March 2022. Ms Jennifer Wilson has been appointed as Nurse Director of NHS Ayrshire & Arran, and the NHS Board have confirmed that Ms Wilson will be their nomination to replace Prof. Borland as a voting member of the IJB. Members of the Board thanked Prof. Borland for her years of commitment, support and professional advice to the Board.</p> <p>Discussions have been taking place with the Carers Centre to appoint a suitable IJB nominee to be the Carers' representative, and it was hoped that this process will be complete before the next IJB on 22 June 2022.</p> <p>In March 2020, all meetings were moved from being in-person to virtual in response to the pandemic. As restrictions continue to ease it is now possible to support attendance in person within Council Chambers or within Meeting Room 15 of the Johnnie Walker Bond. It was recognised that some colleagues will continue to work flexibly, with technology within the identified rooms able to support a hybrid model for meetings. It was therefore proposed that hybrid model would be adopted to allow the flexibility of in-person and virtual attendance via MS Teams.</p> <p>Local Government elections will be held on 05 May 2022, and East Ayrshire Council will confirm the elected members to the IJB after the results of the local government elections are known, and the relevant statutory Council meetings and appointments had concluded.</p> <p>The Board thanked all elected members who have been involved with, and supported, the IJB and associated governance committees during their time in office.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the update on the membership of the IJB; ii. Note the change to attendance at meetings; and 	

	<p>iii. Note the forthcoming local government elections and the potential change in East Ayrshire Council (EAC) appointed Elected Members to the IJB and its associated governance committees.</p>	
8.	<p><u>IJB Reserves Strategy</u></p> <p>Mr Craig McArthur presented the report for the Board to review the IJB Reserves Strategy.</p> <p>The initial Reserve Strategy was approved by the Board on 24 May 2016, with an update subsequently approved by the Board on 25 March 2020. The Board were advised that following this latest review, no further changes were necessary to the Reserve Strategy.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve the reviewed Reserve Strategy, noting that there are no proposed changes to the Reserve Strategy previously approved by the Board on 25 March 2020. 	
9.	<p><u>IJB Financial Regulations</u></p> <p>Mr Craig McArthur presented the report for the Board to review the IJB Financial Regulations.</p> <p>The Financial Regulations are a key component of sound governance arrangements and provide the framework for managing the IJBs financial affairs. They are intended as an aid to good financial management and outline the necessary procedures to secure the proper administration of financial affairs.</p> <p>Elected and appointed members of the IJB together with officers appointed or seconded to the Board have a duty to abide by the highest standards of probity in dealing with financial issues. This is achieved by ensuring everyone is clear about the standards to which they are working and the controls in place to ensure these standards are met.</p> <p>The Financial Regulations were last approved by the Board on 25 March 2020. The Board were advised that following this latest review, no further changes were necessary to the Financial Regulations.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve the reviewed Financial Regulations, noting that there are no proposed changes to the Financial Regulations previously approved by the Board on 25 March 2020; and ii. Note that the Financial Regulations will be formally reviewed in March 2024. 	

10.	<p><u>Choose Life Action Plan</u></p> <p>Ms Jo Gibson presented the report to update the Board on the progress within East Ayrshire on local suicide prevention activity in response to Choose Life, and Every Life Matters; National Suicide Prevention Strategies published in 2002 and 2018 respectively.</p> <p>In addition, to advise of the recent national consultation around the national suicide prevention strategy, Every Life Matters (2018) (ELM) and assure members that local actions for 22/23 will be reflective of local and national engagement activity focused on prevention. The report also updates members of suicide prevention activity being progressed on a Pan Ayrshire basis.</p> <p>Every Life Matters included 10 key actions and activity to address these actions has been taken forward on an East Ayrshire and Pan Ayrshire basis.</p> <p>In East Ayrshire following a noted increase in deaths by suicide in 2020, an analysis of the last 50 deaths by suicide was commissioned by Chief Officers Group (COG). This analysis was reported back to COG in October 2022. The learning and recommendations have been reflected in an Action Plan.</p> <p>A positive approach adopted by East Ayrshire Council was the revised Hear to Listen campaign; an approach which supports champions across the organisations to gain additional training and support, as a resource to those individuals who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide.</p> <p>Councillor McGhee expressed concern for individuals as the pandemic eases noting the increased cost of living which may be more detrimental to individuals.</p> <p>Ms Angela Gracie welcomed the work in Ayrshire and requested that any training be cascaded to Third Sector colleagues who are keen to provide support.</p> <p>Ms Kathleen Winter welcomed the report and noted that the new Child Death Overview process was being implemented from 1 October 2022; links will be made to ensure there isn't duplication and families are being appropriately supported.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the updated Action Plan; ii. Note the Pan Ayrshire Training Framework; and iii. Note the Activity of the Action 7 Task Force. 	
11.	<p><u>Social Care Contribution & Charging Framework and Approved Rates, Contributions and Charges 2022/23</u></p>	

	<p>Ms Fiona Hart presented the report to share the annual alterations in respect of charges and contributions for Social Care Services and the updated Social Care Services Contributions and Charging Framework for financial year 2022/23. Also to approve the proposed rates paid for Social Care Charges.</p> <p>Charging and contributing for Services in East Ayrshire is based on the annual update of COSLA National Strategy and Guidance for Charging Applying to Non Residential Care Services.</p> <p>The report detailed inflationary adjustments to charges for social care services which have been reflected in the Health and Social Care Partnership Revenue Budget 2022/23 to increase thresholds for income disregards charges to services users for a range of Social Care Services.</p> <p>On an annual basis, review is undertaken of rates that we agree to pay for social care services and this takes account of revised guidance available from COSLA, the Department for Work and Pensions and the Scottish Government. The Council remains integral to this process through COSLA involvement in national negotiating of fee rates and Council funding the IJB.</p> <p>Cabinet agreed on 23 February 2022 to hold the maximum charge to an individual service user for non-residential social care services at the 2021/22 rate of £107.32 for 2023/24. This represents an annual contribution of £5,595.66.</p> <p>In respect of an individual's annual personal budget the current daily cost of providing Adult Day Care is £50.30 and Older People Day Care is £55.76. Cabinet agreed to uplift these rates for 2022/23 by 2.5% to £51.56 and £57.15 respectively. This will not affect the charge to the individual but will provide an indicative cost in relation to their personal budget.</p> <p>For community meals Cabinet agreed to continue the current subsidy of 74p per meal for the Meals at Home service.</p> <p>In line with Scottish Government, IJB will uplift the Free Personal and Nursing Care payments for eligible residents in Care Homes for 2022/23, the current personal care contribution of £193.50 will increase to £212.85 per week per service user for personal care and an additional weekly nursing care payment increasing from £87.10 to £95.80 per week per service user with effect from 01 April 2022.</p> <p>The current standard care at home rate is £18.27 per hour. This was uplifted on 01 December 2021 in line with Government Guidance to the Adult Social Care Pay Uplift to enable providers to uplift the hourly rate to a minimum of £10.50 to those providing direct care. In line with further Guidance, it was proposed that the hourly rate is increased to £19.03 to enable providers to uplift the hourly rate to a minimum of £10.50 per hour with effect from 01 April 2022.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the updated East Ayrshire Social Care Services Contribution and Charging Framework; ii. Note the updated charges and thresholds details in the report; iii. Note that in relation to care home charges COSLA, Scottish Government and Scottish Care have not yet finalised the rate at this time; the Director will report to IJB on the final rates; iv. Note the uplifts in relation to Specialist Adult Care Homes will be agreed following confirmation of the NCHC uplift; v. Agree the proposed provider rates in relation to care at home, community based support and sleepovers; vi. Agree the proposed foster care payments and note the development of future payments; vii. Note fee negotiations are progressing in respect of external fostering and children's residential; viii. Agree the proposed rates paid to kinship carers; ix. Agree the proposed rates paid to adopters and the current review of Children's Payments; x. Approve the payments made to children and young people; xi. Approve the uplift proposal in relation to Short Breaks detailed in the report; and xii. Issue a Direction to East Ayrshire Council to implement the alterations to charges and contributions for social care services for the Financial Year 2022/23 and the rates paid for social care services. 	
12.	<p><u>Strategic Plan Update</u></p> <p>Mr Jim Murdoch presented the report for consideration and approval of the outcomes from the 2021-22 Annual Review of the Strategic Plan; Interim Workforce Development and Support Plan; Communications Strategy; and Property and Asset Management Strategy.</p> <p>The Strategic Planning and Wellbeing Delivery Group has undertaken the 2021-22 Annual Review of the HSCP Strategic Plan 2021-30. The Annual Review concluded that the Strategic Plan remains fit for purpose in reflecting the Partnership's strategic intent. The Group reaffirmed the vision, values and Strategic Commissioning intentions as set out in the Plan and identified key priorities for 2022 and beyond. The evolving policy environment in relation to collaborative commissioning has also been considered and a longer term approach to future strategic planning endorsed, from 2022 onwards. In addition, the report also set out the findings from the 2021-22 Annual Review of the Interim Workforce Development and Support Plan; Communications Strategy; and Property and Asset Management Strategy. The report will be presented to East Ayrshire Council on 31 March 2022 and onwards to NHS Board on 23 May 2022.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider and approve the findings from the 2021-22 Annual Review of the Strategic Plan; Interim Workforce Development and 	

	<p>Support Plan; Communications Strategy; and Property and Asset Management Strategy;</p> <p>ii. Endorse the six Strategic Commissioning Intentions and the longer-term approach to collaborative commissioning set out in the Strategic Plan 2021-30; and</p> <p>iii. Issue a Direction to East Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran in line with the Strategic Plan, as refreshed by the Annual Review, and within the allocated budget for 2022/23.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Approved Budget Position 2022/23/ Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-30 Update</u></p> <p>Mr Alex McPhee presented the report to seek approval of the delegated budget and to Direct the Parties to deliver services on behalf of the IJB within the total delegated resource. The report also outlines proposed actions to achieve financial balance and align to the Boards strategic priorities for 2022/23.</p> <p>Following parliamentary approval of the Scottish Government Budget for 2022/23 on 10 February 2022, East Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran have confirmed the level of additional resource to be delegated to the IJB for 2022/23. NHS Ayrshire & Arran is expected to formally approve the budget at the Board Meeting on 28 March 2022.</p> <p>As with budget approval for previous financial years, the NHS delegated budget was presented on a managed funding basis, with services managed under lead partnership arrangements included within delegated resources.</p> <p>The budget excludes corporate support services, which have been provided on a cost neutral basis by the Parties to the IJB. It was anticipated that this arrangement would continue in 2022/23.</p> <p>Significant additional recurring funding is being routed through Council and Health to the IJB recognising pressures and supporting additional social care investment.</p> <p>Budget proposals for 2022/23 are presented on the basis of 'business as usual'. The ongoing effect of Covid-19 continues to be experienced by the IJB and its partners. The impact on the Partnership has been reported to the IJB through regular reports which have highlighted that service delivery models in some areas have changed as a result of the pandemic. Some services have experienced greater demand, with some services delivering differently, while others have been wholly or partially stood down over the course of the pandemic so far.</p> <p>The Scottish Government, has confirmed further non-recurring funding of £981m for NHS Boards and IJBs to meet Covid-19 costs and to support the continuing impact of the pandemic. This funding is provided on a non-repayable basis and includes provision for under-delivery of approved savings. Within the overall funding, £619m is being provided for IJBs which</p>	

	<p>includes funding for a range of Covid-19 measures. The significant disruption to services has created a backlog of demand, as well as increasing unmet need and frailty of service users. The Scottish Government recognises that investment is required across day care services, care at home and to support unscheduled care, to keep people within the community to avoid unplanned admissions and impacts on delayed discharges.</p> <p>The Scottish Government has identified a sum of £14.143m for East Ayrshire IJB and outlined an expectation that it will be a matter for NHS Boards and IJBs to agree any revisions where appropriate to take account of circumstances. The £14.143m East Ayrshire allocation includes £2.129m, which will require to be allocated to offset unfunded 2021/22 projected costs associated with the Local Mobilisation Plan. The indicative balance of funding £12.014m is to be earmarked for carry-forward to 2022/23 within the IJB Reserve, to offset Covid-19 attributable costs.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agree to accept the 2022/23 directly managed services budget delegated to the IJB by East Ayrshire Council £100.037m, including additional Scottish Government funding to offset a range of spending priorities £8.415m and additional earmarked East Ayrshire Council funding £0.092m, as well as ring fenced Scottish Government integration funding £8.845m routed to IJBs from NHS Boards; ii. Note that this budget increases to £103.186m when Council commissioned mainlined Integrated Care Fund £1.106m and delegated resources £2.043m managed out with the Health and Social Care Partnership are included; iii. Note that the budget will increase by a further £5.291m to £108.477m, representing the IJBs share of confirmed additional funding £222m to offset a range of spending priorities; iv. Agree to accept the 2022/23 managed services budget delegated to the IJB by NHS Ayrshire and Arran £185.820m, including the 2.56% uplift on the adjusted baseline budget £1.830m, as well as additional Scottish Government Multi-Disciplinary Teams funding £1.399m and excluding £8.845m Scottish Government integration funding, £1.106m Council commissioned mainlined Integration Care Fund and £8.021m non-recurring funding included in the 2021/ 22 NHS Ayrshire & Arran baseline; v. Note the indicative Set Aside resources delegated to the IJB £28.135m, including an estimated 2.0% uplift on the revised baseline budget; vi. Approve the overall initial £317.141m delegated budget for 2022/23 including the underlying spending proposals and baseline rebalancing proposals £1.803m as outlined within the report; vii. Note that these baseline rebalancing proposals are at this stage considered non-recurring and will require to be considered as 	
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	<p>services resume and continue in line with remobilise, recovery and redesign principals;</p> <p>viii. Note that equality impact assessments will be undertaken once baseline rebalancing proposals have been formally approved;</p> <p>ix. Note that the 2022/23 budget proposals are presented on a 'business as usual' basis, with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to be considered;</p> <p>x. Note that budget pressures include assumed inflationary uplifts for pay awards, the National Care Home Contract and children's outwith authority placements and that these uplifts remain subject to final agreement at this time;</p> <p>xi. Note the requirement to Direct both Parties to deliver services on behalf of the IJB within the £317.141m delegated resource in line with strategic planning priorities, following further refinement of allocations across service areas;</p> <p>xii. Note the programme of budget transformation and service reconfiguration being taken forward through the Strategic Commissioning Board, including management action to achieve financial balance going forward;</p> <p>xiii. Note that any further budget transformations and service reconfiguration proposals to reduce costs and deliver savings which require changes to policy or service provision will be presented to the IJB for approval over the course of 2022/23;</p> <p>xiv. Note the pan-Ayrshire work in further developed Directions for 2022/23 with particular focus on lead partnership and Set Aside resources fair share;</p> <p>xv. Note the current IJB Reserve position, with the updated position for 2022/23 to be finalised as part of approval of the 2021/22 Audited Annual Accounts;</p> <p>xvi. Note the updated high level Medium Term Financial Plan presented with the report;</p> <p>xvii. Note that a detailed Medium Term Financial Plan will be constructed following publication of the Scottish Government's updated Health and Social Care Medium Term Financial Framework, taking account of National Care Service for Scotland proposals;</p> <p>xviii. Note that the detailed Medium Term Financial Plan will be presented to a future IBJ for approval;</p> <p>xix. Note the next steps required to ensure financial balance in 2022/23 and going forward; and</p> <p>xx. Note the risk underlying this initial 2022/23 budget proposals as outlined in the report.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Audit Scotland 'Social Care Briefing' (January 2022)/ Audit Scotland 'NHS in 2021' (February 2022)</u></p> <p>Mr Erik Sutherland presented the report to share the findings of two Audit Scotland reports on the NHS and Social Care in Scotland.</p>	

	<p>Audit Scotland's 'Social Care Briefing' is located in the context of a suite of other reports around progress in integration, self-directed support, commissioning, and social work in Scotland.</p> <p>The report summarised the findings in relation to the influence of lived experience, the importance of improve data, leadership and relationships, challenges to workforce and in sustainable models of delivering social care.</p> <p>A rapidly developing policy context is also highlighted, including the Feeley Report, the National Care Service, the Independent Care Review, and The Promise. The report noted that policy intent and comments that the challenges faced by the sector are immediate and require concomitant urgency of action from national government and stakeholders alongside longer-term planning.</p> <p>The substantial annual report noted that the 'NHS in Scotland 2021' remains on an emergency footing due to the uncertainty of the pandemic context. The report acknowledges how challenging and difficult this context is for the sector, both in service response to urgent and emergency care needs, at the same time, working to remobilisation plans for recovery and renewal.</p> <p>The report comments on the relentless work across the sector to deliver on the pandemic response, to urgent and emergency care and to the roll-out of the testing and vaccination programme. At the same time staff absence and vacancy rates in key professions present risk to sustainable remobilisation with trade union and professional association research showing high levels of additional hours and insufficient time to provide the level of care that staff would wish to. Workforce planning is viewed as of utmost importance by Audit Scotland, in recognition of the impact that the pandemic has had on all those working in the sector.</p> <p>The Board noted the report.</p>	
15.	<p><u>Inquiry into Health Inequalities</u></p> <p>Mr Jim Murdoch presented the report to share a draft response to the Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's Inquiry into Health Inequalities in Scotland, for consideration and approval.</p> <p>The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is undertaking an inquiry into health inequalities in Scotland. Public Health Scotland define health inequalities as the 'avoidable and unjust differences in people's health across the population'. The paper set out the Integration Joint Board's draft response to the Inquiry, for consideration and approval.</p> <p>The Inquiry into Health Inequalities in Scotland was launched by the Scottish Parliament Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 11 February 2022, with the formal consultation period due to close on 31 March 2022. The aim of the inquiry is to assess the progress towards tackling health inequalities in</p>	

	<p>Scotland since 2015. It will explore any cross-sectoral work undertaken over that time period to address social inequalities and what impact this has had more broadly on health inequalities.</p> <p>The draft response to the Inquiry has been developed through ongoing conversations with the Board, Health and Social Care Partnership Management Team, Strategic Planning/ Wellbeing Delivery Plan Group and Wellbeing Group. The East Ayrshire Life Beyond COVID-19 Survey, Wellbeing Community Conversation and Health Inequalities Inquiry Survey have also provided an opportunity for wider engagement with partners, stakeholders and communities on health and wellbeing. Much of the feedback from these conversations has already been presented in our HSCP Strategic Plan 2021-24. Annual Performance Report 2021 and Strategic Needs Assessment 2021, which includes detailed analysis on our strategic priorities and progress towards local and national health indicators.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider and comment on the draft response to the Inquiry into Health Inequalities Scotland; and ii. Approve the final response for submission to the Inquiry. 	
16.	<p><u>Extension of Third Sector Contracts: Children & Young People Services</u></p> <p>Ms Marion MacAulay presented the report to provide an update on the progress of five negotiated East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Children's Health, Care and Justice contracts.</p> <p>The report also provided an update on the joint contract with North Ayrshire H&SCP for Break the Silence.</p> <p>The services have operated under a traditional negotiated contract with East Ayrshire for a number of years. Although their Service Specifications have been reviewed and updated, there is opportunity now to think about how our services align with HSCP Strategic Plans, the Independent Care Review (The Promise), The Feeley Report, and learning from how Scotland's communities responded during the pandemic.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to take time to listen to what communities are telling us they need from services. There is widespread recognition that our communities know best what they need to live full, active and fulfilling lives. Our families have aspirations for their children to thrive and enjoy a happy, safe childhood. In response to this, we are undertaking a full review of our commissioned services. We are assessing what we are asking them to provide, how they will deliver this, and how the provision correlates to what families are telling us they need.</p> <p>Significant consultation had already taken place with people who use our services. Families are saying they have ease of access to services in their local areas, which are responsive and available when needed. Ongoing</p>	

	<p>work is taking place with our commissioned partners to look at how supports can be delivered. A number of stakeholder engagement events had been held to ensure our future commissioning of services is based on a co-production model. This model is underpinned by a shared understanding of the needs of our communities, and how services can wrap around these.</p> <p>The vision for commissioned services is to have modern, responsive, adaptable services which are based on what our communities tell us they need. Services will be delivered from within local communities, and will respond to what is important to individuals, their families and their communities. In order to undertake this transformational work, we require time to work with communities and out valued commissioned services to develop this new way of working. This work was started last year, but COVID impeded progress. For this reason, a request for an extension of up to two years is being made to allow the work to progress.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the progress of the children's services contracts detailed in the report; ii. Consider the request for contract extensions for Action for Children Lisalanna, Action for Children TTC, Bernardos, and Who Cares? Scotland; iii. Remit to Cabinet for approval in line with Standing Orders Relating to Contracts; and iv. Issue a Direction to East Ayrshire Council in respect of the contractual arrangements. 	
17.	<p><u>Extension to Alzheimer Scotland Contract</u></p> <p>Mr Erik Sutherland presented the report to seek approval to continue the contractual agreement with Alzheimer Scotland expiring on 31 March 2022, for a further year. This was being requested in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts.</p> <p>The report set out a proposal to continue the Alzheimer Scotland contract along with the rationale for doing so and associated commissioning actions and recommends onward progress to East Ayrshire Council Cabinet in line with Standing Orders.</p> <p>The current contract expires on 31 March 2022 however, the normal lead-in time to review the contract has been affected by the impact of the pandemic on the commissioning teams ability to review the contact with Alzheimer Scotland, who's own availability was also affected; organisational decision within Alzheimer Scotland to suspend face-to-face service provision and adjust to limited online and telephone support; and the knowledge that additional funding from Scottish Government regarding Post Diagnostic Support would be available.</p>	

	<p>The contract has no extension options in the current provision and formal approval is required for a contract extension of up to 1 year to allow robust evaluation and negotiation of a new contract.</p> <p>The current total annual value of the contract with Alzheimer Scotland is £123,897 which will require to be funded for another year.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agree the proposed extension for the contract and approve funding to continue contractual arrangements with Alzheimer Scotland to 31 March 2023; ii. Remit to Cabinet for approval as detailed in the report, in line with Standing Orders Relating to contracts; and iii. Issue a Direction to East Ayrshire Council in respect of the contractual arrangements. 	
18.	<p><u>Affiliations to Outside Organisations</u></p> <p>Ms Catherine Adair presented the report to provide information on and to consider the background, aims and objectives, and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, Social Work Services as part of the Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>Affiliations to outside organisations provide additional information, learning, guidance and expertise to Social Work services in areas of specialism, for example adoptions and fostering. In additional professional social work organisations including Social Work Scotland provide learning and training opportunities.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider and approve the affiliations as detailed in the report; and ii. Agree that the appropriate Partnership section make payment of the affiliation fees to those approved organisations. 	
19.	<p><u>Large Scale Grants</u></p> <p>Mr Craig McArthur presented the report to provide the Board with an update on the outcome of the review of large scale grants and to seek approval of the 2022/23 funding award and future resourcing arrangements for those valued community and voluntary organisations currently in receipt of large scale grants.</p> <p>Appreciating that one size would not fit all and that the overall aim of the review was to provide greater financial stability to these key partner organisations with which we had developed long standing arrangements, the Officer Working Group sought to ensure that any alternative proposals remain legally compliant in terms of both our best value duty and also procurement regulations.</p>	

	<p>Following identification of structural issues within the Multi Storey car park in Kilmarnock, the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) was required to relocate to temporary accommodation and discussions were ongoing to secure longer term accommodation for the CAB in Kilmarnock. This has been the priority for the CAB in the last year and they have requested that discussions in relation to a negotiated contract be delayed into the next financial year to allow the new agreement to reflect the costs of their new accommodation. As a consequence, it was suggested that grant funding should be maintained for the CAB for another year at the same level as 2021/22. Should any additional funding be required in 2022/23, once new accommodation has been secured, then this will be the subject of a further report to Cabinet.</p> <p>It should also be highlighted that negotiations with the East Ayrshire Carers Centre identified that a shift from grant funding to negotiated contract would have an adverse impact on the organisation's financial position. As a consequence, it was proposed that grant funding arrangements for the East Ayrshire Carers Centre should be retained and agreed on an annual basis with the Grants Committee retaining oversight of this funding.</p> <p>Recognising the financial pressures being experienced by these organisations and in line with the 'Fair Work' agenda, it was proposed that a 2% inflationary uplift on their 2021/22 award should be applied across the board to all 5 organisations.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the outcome of the review of large scale grants as outlined within the report; Approve the recommendations for the future contractual and funding arrangements for each of the five organisations in 2022/23 and beyond as outlined in the report; Remit to Cabinet for approval in line with Standing Orders Relating to contracts; and Issue a Direction to East Ayrshire Council in respect of the contractual arrangements. 	
20.	<p><u>Governance Papers</u></p> <p>The minutes from the following meetings were shared for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit & Performance Committee – 23 November 2021 • Health, Safety & Wellbeing Group – 11 November 2022 • Partnership Forum – 11 November 2022 	
21.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Elected Members present thanked the Board for their support and contributions during their time as Board Members.</p> <p>Mr Craig McArthur noted that the Development Day scheduled for 11 May 2022 would be impacted due to tight timescales following the local elections. An update will be circulated to members in due course.</p>	

	POST MEETING NOTE – it was agreed to cancel the Development Day	
22.	Date of Next Meeting Development Session – TBC (subsequently cancelled) Meeting – 22 June 2022 at 2pm Chambers/ MS Teams	