



## **North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board Standing Orders for Meetings**

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## **1. General**

- 1.1** These Standing Orders are made under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014. These Standing Orders shall, as far as applicable be the rules and regulations for the proceedings of the Board, its Committees and Sub-Committees and therefore reference to the term 'Board' in the said Standing Orders should be interpreted accordingly. The term 'Chairperson' shall also be deemed to include the Chairperson of any Committee or Sub-Committee but only in relation to such Committees or Sub-Committees.
- 1.2** In these Standing Orders "the Integration Board" shall mean the North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board established in terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2015 and the Integration Scheme entered into by North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran Health Board, as approved by Scottish Ministers.
- 1.3** Any statutory provision, regulation or direction issued by the Scottish Ministers shall have precedence if they are in conflict with the Standing Orders.

## **2. Membership**

- 2.1** Voting membership of the Integration Board shall comprise four persons nominated by the NHS Board, and four persons appointed by the Council. Where the NHS Board is unable to fill its places with non-Executive Directors it can then nominate other appropriate people, who must be members of the NHS Board to fill their spaces, but at least two must be non-executive members.
- 2.2** Non-voting membership of the Integration Board shall comprise:
- a. the chief social work officer of the local authority;
  - b. the chief officer of the Integration Board;
  - c. the proper officer of the Integration Board appointed under section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
  - d. a registered medical practitioner whose name is included in the list of primary medical services performers prepared by the Health Board in accordance with Regulations made under section 17P of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;
  - e. a registered nurse who is employed by the Health Board or by a person or body with which the Health Board has entered into a general medical services contract;
  - f. a registered medical practitioner employed by the Health Board and not providing primary medical services.
  - g. One member to represent staff of the constituent authorities engaged in the provision of services provided under integration functions;
  - h. One member to represent third sector bodies carrying out activities related to health or social care in the area of the local authority;
  - i. One member to represent service users residing in the area of the local authority;

- j. One member to represent persons providing unpaid care in the area of the local authority; and
- k. Such additional members as the Integration Board sees fit. Such a member may not be a councillor or a non-executive director of the Health Board.

The members appointed under paragraphs (d) to (f) must be determined by the Health Board

- 23** A member of the Integration Board in terms of 2.2 (a) to (c) will remain a member for as long as they hold the office in respect of which they are appointed. Otherwise, the term of office of Members of the Integration Board shall be for two years or until the day of the next ordinary Elections for Local Government Councillors in Scotland, whichever is shorter.
- 24** Where a Member resigns or otherwise ceases to hold office, the person appointed in his/her place shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the Member they replace.
- 25** On expiry of a Member's term of appointment the Member shall be eligible for re-appointment provided that he/she remains eligible and is not otherwise disqualified from appointment.
- 26** A voting Member appointed under paragraph 2.1 ceases to be a member of the Integration Board if they cease to be either a Councillor or a non- executive Director of the NHS Board or an Appropriate Person in terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014.
- 27** A Member of the Integration Board, other than those Members referred to in paragraph 2.2(a) to (c), may resign his/her membership at any time during their term of office by giving notice to the Integration Board in writing. The resignation shall take effect from the date notified in the notice or on the date of receipt if no date is notified. If this is a voting member the Integration Board must inform the constituent authority that made the nomination.
- 28** If a Member has not attended three consecutive Ordinary Meetings of the Integration Board, and their absence was not due to illness or some other reasonable cause as determined by the Integration Board, the Integration Board may, by giving one month's notice in writing to that Member, remove that person from office.
- 29** If a member acts in a way which brings the Integration Board into disrepute or in a way which is inconsistent with the proper performance of the functions of the Integration Board, the Integration Board may remove the member from office with effect from such date as the Integration Board may specify in writing.

- 210** If a member is disqualified under article 8 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 during a term of office they are to be removed from office as a Member of the Integration Board immediately.
- 211** A constituent authority may remove a member which it nominated by providing one month's notice in writing to the Member and the Integration Board.
- 212** Named Depute Members for Members of the Integration Board may be appointed by the constituent authority which nominated the Member, or the Member as appropriate. The appointment of such Deputies will be subject to the same rules and procedures for Members. Deputies shall receive papers for Meetings of the Integration Board but shall be entitled to attend or vote at a Meeting only in the absence of the principal Member they represent. If the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting of the Integration Board, any Depute Member attending the meeting may not preside over that meeting.
- 213** The acts, meetings or proceedings of the Integration Board shall not be invalidated by any defect in the appointment of any Member or any vacancy in the membership of the Integration Board.

## **1. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

- 1.1** The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be drawn from the NHS Board and the Council voting members of the Integration Board. If a Council member is to serve as Chairperson then the Vice Chairperson will be a member nominated by the NHS Board and vice versa. The first Chair of the Integration Board will be appointed on the nomination of the Council.
- 1.2** The appointment to Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is time limited to a period not exceeding two years and carried out on a rotational basis between Council and NHS Board appointed Chairperson. The term of office of the first Chairperson will be for the period to the local government elections in 2017, thereafter the term of office of the Chairperson will be for a period of two years. The Council or NHS Board may change their appointee as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson during an appointing period.
- 1.3** The Vice-Chairperson may act in all respects as the Chairperson of the Integration Board if the Chair is absent or otherwise unable to perform his/her duties.
- 1.4** At every meeting of the Integration Board the Chairperson, if present, shall preside. If the Chairperson is absent from any meeting the Vice-Chairperson, if present, shall preside. If both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are absent, a Chairperson shall be appointed from within the members present for that meeting. Any Depute Member attending the meeting in terms of 2.12 may not preside over that meeting.

**15** Powers, authority and duties of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson shall amongst other things :-

- (a) Preserve order and ensure that every Member has a fair Hearing;
- (b) Decide on matters of relevancy, competency and order, and whether to have a recess during the Meeting, having taken into account any advice offered by the Chief Officer or other relevant officer in attendance at the Meeting;
- (c) Determine the order in which speakers can be heard;
- (d) Ensure that due and sufficient opportunity is given to Members who wish to speak to express their views on any subject under discussion;
- (e) If requested by any Member ask the mover of a motion, or an amendment, to state its terms;
- (f) Maintain order and at his/her discretion, order the exclusion of any member of the public who is deemed to have caused disorder or misbehaved;
- (g) The decision of the Chairperson on all matters within his/her jurisdiction shall be final;
- (h) Deference shall at all times be paid to the authority of the Chairperson. When he/she rises to speak, the Chairperson shall be heard without interruption; and
- (i) Members shall address the Chairperson while speaking.

**2. Meetings**

**21** The first meeting of the Integration Board will be convened at a time and place to be determined by the Chairperson. Thereafter Integration Board shall meet at such place and such frequency as may be agreed by the Integration Board.

**22** The Chairperson may convene Special Meetings if it appears to him/her that there are items of urgent business to be considered. Such Meetings will be held at a time, date and venue as determined by the Chairperson. If the Office of Chairperson is vacant, or if the Chairperson is unable to act for any reason the Vice-Chairperson may at any time call such a meeting.

**23** If the Chairperson refuses to call a meeting of the Integration Board after a requisition for that purpose specifying the business proposed to be transacted, signed by at least two thirds of the voting Members, has been presented to the Chairperson or if, without so refusing, the Chairperson does not call a meeting within seven days after such requisition has been presented, those Members who presented the requisition may forthwith call a Meeting provided no business shall be transacted at the Meeting other than specified in the requisition.

- 24** Adequate provision will be made to allow for members to attend a meeting of the Integration Board or a committee of the Integration Board either by being present together with other members in a specified place, or in any other way which enables members to participate despite not being present with other members in a specified place.

### **3. Notice of Meeting**

- 3.1** Before every meeting of the Integration Board, a notice of the meeting specifying the time, place and business to be transacted at it and signed by the Chairperson, or by a Member authorised by the Chairperson to sign on that person's behalf, shall be delivered to every Member or sent by post to the usual place of residence of such Members or delivered by electronic means so as to be available to them at least five days before the meeting. Members may opt in writing addressed to the Chief Officer to have notice of meetings delivered to an alternative address. Such notice will remain valid until rescinded in writing. Lack of service of the notice on any Member shall not affect the validity of anything done at a meeting.

- 3.2** In the case of a meeting of the Integration Board called by Members in default of the Chairperson, the notice shall be signed by those Members who requisitioned the meeting.

- 3.3** At all Ordinary or Special Meetings of the Integration Board, no business other than that on the agenda shall be discussed or adopted except where by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chairperson is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

### **4. Quorum**

- 4.1** No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Integration Board unless there are present (which shall include remotely if by appropriate means in accordance with Standing Order 4.4), and entitled to vote both Council and NHS Board members and at least one half of the voting Members of the Integration Board are present

- 4.2** If within ten minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of a meeting of the Integration Board, a quorum is not present, the meeting will stand adjourned to such date and time as may be fixed and the minute of the meeting will disclose the fact.

- 4.3** If less than a quorum is entitled to vote on an item because of declarations of interest, that item cannot be dealt with at that meeting.

### **5. Codes of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest**

- 5.1** Members of the Integration Board (including any Deputies) shall subscribe to and comply with the Code of Conduct for Members of the North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board (the 'Code of Conduct') which is deemed to be

incorporated into these Standing Orders. All Members shall be obliged before taking up membership, to agree in writing to be bound by the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members shall also comply with any relevant guidance issued by the Standards Commission for Scotland.

**52** If any Member has a financial or non-financial interest as defined in the Code of Conduct and is present at any meeting at which the matter is to be considered, he/she must as soon as practical, after the meeting starts (and certainly before taking part in any discussion on that item), disclose that he/she has an interest and the nature of that interest and if he/she is precluded from taking part in consideration of that matter.

**53** Where an interest is disclosed, the member disclosing the interest is to decide whether, in the circumstances, it is appropriate for them to take part in discussion of or voting on the item of business.

## **6. Adjournment of Meetings**

**6.1** A meeting of the Integration Board may be adjourned to another date, time or place by a motion, which shall be moved and seconded and put to the meeting without discussion. If such a motion is carried by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote, the meeting shall be adjourned to the day, time and place specified in the motion.

## **7. Disclosure of Information**

**7.1** No member or officer shall disclose to any person any information which falls into the following categories:-

- Confidential information within the meaning of Section 50A(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- The full or any part of any document marked “not for publication by virtue of the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973”, unless and until the document has been made available to the public or press under section 50B of the said 1973 Act.

- Any information regarding proceedings of the Integration Board from which the public have been excluded unless or until disclosure has been authorised by the Integration Board or the information has been made available to the press or to the public under the terms of the relevant legislation.

**72** Without prejudice to the foregoing, no Member shall use or disclose to any person any confidential and/or exempt information coming to his/her knowledge by virtue of his/her office as a Member where such disclosure would be to the advantage of the Member or of anyone known to him/her or which would be to the disadvantage of the Integration Board.

## **8. Recording of Proceedings**

No sound, film, video tape, digital or photographic recording of the proceedings of any meeting, other than webcasting of the proceedings by the Integration Board itself, shall be made without the prior approval of the Integration Board. All phones should be switched off or on silent and Members should not correspond, whether by email, text, social media or any other electronic means with any other Member or other person during a Board meeting. Research through the internet is permitted providing it is done in a manner which respects the authority of the Chair and does not interfere with the business of the meeting.

## **9. Admission of Press and Public**

**9.1** Subject to the extent of the accommodation available and except in relation to items certified as exempt, meetings of the Integration Board shall be open to the public. In this specific respect, reference to the Board should not be interpreted as including reference to the Board's Committees and/or Sub-Committees, specific provision will be made by the Board regarding the extent of any public access permitted to meetings of its Committees or Sub-Committees. The Chief Officer shall be responsible for giving public notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Integration Board by posting within the main offices of the Integration Board or on the Board's website not less than five days before the date of each meeting.

**9.2** The Integration Board may by resolution at any meeting, exclude the press and public therefrom during consideration of an item of business where it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or of the nature of the proceedings that if members of the press and public were present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 Act or it is likely that confidential information would be disclosed in breach of an obligation of confidence.

**9.3** Every meeting of the Integration Board shall be open to the public but these provisions shall be without prejudice to the Integration Board's powers of exclusion in order to suppress or prevent disorderly conduct or other



misbehaviour at a meeting. The Integration Board may exclude or eject from a meeting a member or members of the press and public whose presence or conduct is impeding the work or proceedings of the Integration Board.

## **10. Alteration, Deletion and Rescission of Decisions of the Integration Board**

**10.1** Except insofar as required by reason of illegality, no motion to alter, delete or rescind a decision of the Integration Board will be competent within six months from the decision, unless a decision is made prior to consideration of the matter to suspend this Standing Order in terms of Standing Order 13.

## **11. Suspension, Deletion or Amendment of Standing Orders**

**11.1** Any one or more of the Standing Orders in the case of emergency as determined by the Chair upon motion may be suspended, amended or deleted at any Meeting so far as regards any business at such meeting provided that two thirds of the Members of the Integration Board present and voting shall so decide. Any motion to suspend Standing Orders shall state the number or terms of the Standing Order(s) to be suspended.

## **12. Procedures for Dealing with Items of Business**

**12.1** Every effort shall be made by Members to ensure that as many decisions as possible are made by consensus.

**12.2** Officers of the Board will speak to the terms of any report drafted by them which is on the agenda for a meeting. Thereafter it will be open to any Member to ask a question or questions concerning the item of business under consideration. Such questions must be relevant to the item of business under consideration and may be directed to any senior officer seeking clarification of the terms of a report.

**12.3** When the Chairperson is satisfied that there are no more questions to be raised he or she will invite the Board to discuss the item of business. Such discussion must be relevant to the item of business and should attempt to achieve a decision by consensus. As part of the Chairperson's role to manage the meeting, the Chairperson shall attempt to ensure that Members who wish to speak have a fair opportunity to do so. The Chairperson shall have power to determine when Members can speak and will determine the number of occasions and length of time that a Member is able to speak.

**12.4** When the Chairperson is satisfied that a decision can be made by consensus he or she will clarify the terms of that decision with the Board.

### **13. Procedure where there is no Unanimous Decision**

- 13.1** If the Chairperson is satisfied that a decision cannot be made by consensus, he or she will invite those of differing views to state the decision they wish the Board to make. The first such statement will be known as the recommendation. Any member may seek an amendment to the recommendation. Any recommendation and amendment must relate to the item of business under discussion. No recommendation or amendment will be accepted unless it is seconded. It will be open to any Member to ask a question or questions to the mover of any recommendation or amendment seeking clarity of their recommendation or amendment.
- 13.2** In the event that discussion on any item has exceeded 30 minutes it will be open to any Member to propose a recommendation. If this is not seconded the recommendation will fall and discussion shall continue, subject to 15.1. If it is seconded, the Chairperson will ascertain if there are any amendments, which also require to be seconded.
- 13.3** For the avoidance of doubt, non-voting members can propose or second a recommendation or amendment and speak to its terms, but cannot vote on it.
- 13.4** Debate - When the Chairperson is satisfied that there are no more recommendations, or amendments to be raised he or she will state that the Board is in debate.
- 13.5** Subject to the right of the mover of a recommendation, and the mover of an amendment, to reply, no Member will speak more than once on the same question at any meeting of the Integration Board except:-
- On a question of Order
  - With the permission of the Chairperson
  - In explanation or to clear up a misunderstanding in some material part of his/her speech.
- 13.6** The mover of an amendment and thereafter the mover of the original recommendation will have the right of reply for a period of not more than 3 minutes in order to sum up. He/she will introduce no new matter and once a reply is commenced, no other Member will speak on the subject of debate. Thereafter the discussion will be held closed and the Chairperson will call for the vote to be taken.

### **14. Voting**

- 14.1** Only the four Members nominated by the NHS Board, and the four Members appointed by the Council shall be entitled to vote.

**142** Every question at a meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Members present and who are entitled to vote on the question. Voting shall be by a show of hands. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair shall not have a second or casting vote.

**143** Where there is an equality of votes the voting members may agree that the decision will be made by a cut of cards or some other equitable method. If the voting members do not agree to such a method of breaking the deadlock then no decision will be taken and the status quo shall prevail. Standing Order 12 shall not preclude reconsideration of any such item within a 6 month period.

**144** Where there is a temporary vacancy in the voting membership of the Integration Board, the vote which would be exercisable by any Member appointed to that vacancy may be exercised jointly by the other Members appointed by the relevant constituent authority.

## **15. Minutes**

**151** The names of the Members and others present at a meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**152** The minutes of the proceedings of a meeting, including any decision or resolution made by that meeting, shall be drawn up and submitted to the next ensuing meeting for agreement by a person nominated by the Chief Officer, after which they will be signed by the person presiding at that meeting. A minute purporting to be so signed shall be received in evidence without further proof.

## **16. Committees and Working Groups**

**161** The Integration Board may establish any Committee or Working Group as may be required from time to time but each Working Group shall have a limited time span as may be determined by the Integration Board.

**162** The Membership, Chairperson, remit, powers and quorum of any Committee or Working Groups will be determined by the Integration Board.

**163** Agendas for consideration at a Committee or Working Group will be issued by electronic means to all Members no later than two days (not including Saturday and Sunday) prior to the start of the meeting.