



Item No: 16

Meeting Date: Friday 9 December 2016

Glasgow City Integration Joint Board

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose of Report:	To seek approval of a revised Code of Conduct for members of the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board.
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Recommendations:	The Integration Joint Board is asked to: a) agree the revised Code of Conduct; and, b) note that the revised Code of Conduct will be sent to the Scottish Government for approval
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Implications for Integration Joint Board:

Financial:	None
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Personnel:	None
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Legal:	Under the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, public bodies are required to have in place a Code of Conduct, with which members must comply.
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Economic Impact:	None
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Sustainability:	None
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Sustainable Procurement and Article 19:	None
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Equalities:	None
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Risk Implications:	Failure to have in place an approved Code of Conduct presents a legal risk to the Integration Joint Board. Failure of an individual member to comply with the requirements of the Code of Conduct may result in sanctions being imposed upon that member by the Standards Commission.
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Implications for Glasgow City Council:	None
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Implications for NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde:	None
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Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	✓
	2. Glasgow City Council	
	3. NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	
	4. Glasgow City Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a revised Code of Conduct for members of the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Integration Joint Board of 8 February 2016 agreed a Code of Conduct for members, based on the Model Code for Members of Devolved Public Bodies produced by the Standards Commission. In line with legislative requirements, that Code was sent to the Scottish Government for approval.
- 2.2 The Scottish Government have since advised that a separate Model Code for members of Integration Joint Boards has been agreed by the Standards Commission and the Commissioner for Ethical Standards, and this revised Code should be adopted by all Integration Joint Boards.

3. Code of Conduct

- 3.1 A revised version of the Code of Conduct for Glasgow City Integration Joint Board, based on the updated Model Code for members of Integration Joint Boards, can be found at the following link: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=36113&p=0>

- 3.2 The revised Code of Conduct is only marginally different from that agreed in February 2016, as the February 2016 version included a number of adaptations relevant to the nature of the Integration Joint Board as opposed to other public bodies, which have been similarly incorporated into the Model Code for members of Integration Joint Boards.
- 3.3 The revised Code of Conduct does however differ slightly from the Model Code of members of Integration Joint Boards at sections 1.8, 5.4 and 6.8. In the Model Code, each of these sections state that where a member requires guidance as to the rules and requirements of the Code of Conduct, they should seek this from the Chair.
- 3.4 It is considered that these elements of the Model Code are problematic as they give no guidance as to whom the Chair, who is also a member of the Integration Joint Board and so subject to the Code of Conduct, should seek guidance from if he or she is unsure on any matter.
- 3.5 It is therefore proposed that references to the Chair in those sections be amended to refer to the Standards Officer. These amendments will ensure clarity for all members on where to seek advice from, and is in keeping with the role and purpose of the Standards Officer. The Scottish Government have advised that they would have no objections to these proposed changes.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to:
- a) agree the revised Code of Conduct; and,
 - b) note that the revised Code of Conduct will be sent to the Scottish Government for approval.