



THIRD SECTOR
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REPORT OF MEETINGS

Integration Joint Board (IJB)

8 December 2022

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY

Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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1. This IJB meeting is the first that is based on the new scheme of delegation and the agenda includes reports from chairs of the sub-groups/committees deemed important.
2. Jim Gatherum from the independent sector - Scottish Care - asked about representation of the third and independent sectors on the sub-groups. The chair assured the IJB that this will be addressed at the planned IJB workshop on 20 December.
3. I argued successfully that Community Transport should remain on the action log until a decision on the funding of CT is taken by the CPEG special meeting being arranged for January.
4. The question of the potential role of volunteers in solving aspects of the social care crisis. The chair suggested that there are ongoing discussions on this. I had to point out that while third sector is not represented on the committees, the discussions are taking place but are not being resolved but there are still ongoing issues which need to be resolved at pace. Julie White offered to meet with me and David Rowland to discuss these issues.
5. The chief operating officer of the H&SCP presented the Winter Plan, placing emphasis on the increased level of pressure this year at a time which is normally challenging anyway. She did refer to the essential role of unpaid carers and how they could be supported as this pressure increases. This support has been built into the plan. Additional funding from Scottish Government will be available for winter pressures.
6. I did raise the point made to me by a carers' organisation about the lack of visibility of unpaid carers in the main report. There is reference to unpaid carers in the attached plan but not as a priority in the covering report. However, I acknowledged that the COO had emphasised the importance of support for unpaid carers as a key part of the resilience of the system in her presentation and I confirmed I would convey this to the third sector carers' organisations.
7. The plan includes a range of mitigations to help the response to the most challenging winter experienced by the H&SCP. This includes how the H&SCP manages contracts by paying on plan rather than paying on time and task. There are reasons to be optimistic. Third sector providers have been involved in the test of change underway. This change should have a positive impact on the payments to carers.
8. The IJB heard a report on how big the H&SC deficit is likely to be by the end of the financial year. The SG has confirmed that they will fund the pay settlement though there are still some details to be resolved.
9. Regarding the Participation and Engagement Strategy I pointed out that the introduction refers to the narrowest definition of the H&SCP:

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KEY POINTS

10. There is no reference to the role of the third and independent sectors. I challenged the IJB to ask if it is happy with the tone of the document which seems to make little reference to the third sector. The chair asked that this paragraph is adjusted.
11. The independent sector representative asked for the independent sector to be included in the direction to be included in engagement with the third sector
12. The final item of interest for the third sector was a recommendation to change third sector commissions to a three-year contract. This was agreed by the IJB. I asked if there would be a consideration of including an annual inflationary uplift. I was advised that there could be no commitment to this because of the uncertainty about the annual settlement on the IJB by the SG. It will be negotiated with each provider each year.