



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

Integration Joint Board (IJB)

23 March 2023

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

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1. Regarding the minutes of 8 December and action log; I raised the frustration with the lack of progress with funding for the community transport social enterprise. It was agreed that the IJB could not make a decision on this since it was beyond their remit. Now that the Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Public Health will join the new Community Planning Leadership Group, they will raise this matter at the next meeting.
2. The workforce planning report will be raised at the Local Employability Partnership.
3. New local authority members were welcomed to the IJB. Full Council agreed their appointment on 7 March. Councillor Andy McFarlane will be the chair of the IJB from the next meeting when the current chair Laura Douglas will step down.
4. The deficit for the H&SCP is likely to be around £15m for 2022/23 now that the pay award has been concluded. The gap will be bridged by Scottish Government.
5. The 2023/24 budget will be ready shortly and will be brought to next meeting. The process has been held up by inquorate finance committee. Other H&SCPs are in a similar position. There will be inflationary pressures on all parts of the business. Proposed savings will be brought to the IJB at next meeting.
6. I commended the work to set out progress on delivering the strategic directions, noting it is a work in progress.
7. Terms of reference for the IJB committees will be updated and circulated to include the independent sector.
8. In connection with item 9 - Specific Duties report - (the mainstreaming report) which covers reporting on the protected characteristics, I drew the IJB's attention to the recent SG enquiry into the Disability Employment Gap where D&G has the highest disability employment gap in Scotland. It is not clear why D&G should be in this position.
9. I asked which group would be best placed to gather and monitor data on disability employment within the H&SCP. It was agreed that this would be through the Equality and Diversity Working Group in the community planning partnership.
10. The SLWG will also look into this issue as well as the other protected characteristics. Agreed to circulate the report to the administrator of the IJB for circulation.
11. Our membership of the E&DWG will be added to the final version of this report, we had been omitted in error. I also asked what happened to the equalities training that we developed for the staff networks, Lynsey Fitzpatrick agreed to come back to me on this.
12. Carers' Act Funding: I asked about the role and membership of the Carers' Funding Panel and the role of the Strategic Planning Delivery and Commissioning Group in the decision making of the unallocated Carers Fund. I did say that we had had feedback from H&SC TSOs that the process did not seem transparent.

13. Unfortunately, TSDG was not able to attend the CPB last October and perhaps an opportunity was missed to open this up to the wider third sector. If this fund is to happen again this year, we would welcome proactive efforts to involve us in communicating this funding opportunity. We have proposed a new approach to the TSDG commissioning proposal, and this was agreed. Viv Gration agreed to have a conversation with me and Claire on how to progress this.
14. Regarding the Right Care Right Place paper, Grace Cardozo talked about Sleeping Giant's consultation on intermediate care. Most of their work has been with the public and staff. This included an online survey, online events and one to one. It also included elected members and professional groupings.
15. The findings of the Sleeping Giants work is available [here](#).

16. I challenged the recommendation in para 2.1

'Consider whether the engagement and participation to date has been sufficiently comprehensive, robust and proportionate to underpin the future planning of bed based intermediate care.'

17. I pointed out that we had held nine events with the third sector at three weeks' notice with over 50 TSOs to meet the deadline. There is no note of this in the presentation and no reference to the feedback that we provided. I noted the formal consultation on this will start on 10 April. We have not been involved to date on designing this so are we to assume that we will not be involved in the consultation?
18. Viv Gration said the presentation was about the public engagement rather than the TS work. IJB agreed that an effective engagement time should be allowed to do this. It was not agreed by the IJB that TSDG would be involved in the full consultation.