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## **INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

### **NOTES OF MEETING**

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**THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY**

**18 MARCH 2021**

## KEY POINTS

### 1. Feeley Report on the Independent Review of Adult Social Care

- A workshop is to be held by the chair and vice chair of the IJB, the chief executive of DGC and the leader and deputy leader of the DGC to discuss the Feeley report; the independent review of Adult Social Care on 15 April 2021.
- The chief operating officer Julie White has set up a working group made up of herself, the chief social worker, the head of finance, Scottish Care, Stewartry Care and myself from TSDG to look at the implications of the Feeley report for adult social care.

### 2. Contract Monitoring

- Contract monitoring has re-started but is not yet fully implemented. The next Carers Programme Board meeting will consider the schedule for the full re-introduction of contract monitoring of commissioned services.

### 3. Strategic Commissioning Plan

- The IJB agreed that the existing Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP) can be extended until March 2022. I asked for clarity about the links between the existing SCP and the emerging SCP currently out for consultation. This was agreed by the head of strategic planning who will bring a report to the next IJB meeting which includes this analysis. The role of the Strategic Planning Group will be central to the review of the existing and the plan for the new SCP. Claire Brown operations manager at TSDG is now the chair of the SPG.

### 4. Care Home Assurance

- The report on Care Home Assurance confirmed that all care home residents have had second vaccinations. National legislation and guidance has been followed throughout. Links between care home managers and H&SCP support has been strengthened during Covid and effort will be made to sustain this. It was suggested by Scottish Care that this might be the time for the exploration of alternative models for care home management such as employee ownership and co-operatives.

### 5. Carers

- There was a lengthy discussion about the recent letter from the Scottish Government announcing additional funding for carers. There were questions about whether the previous funding for implementation of the Carers Act had been used as intended by Scottish Government. The IJB noted that a plan would be needed to set out how this additional funding would be spent. The plan will be produced in consultation with carers organisations and brought to a future meeting. The timescale was unclear.
- I pointed out that there are three reasons why this is a good time to review the strategic approach to carers; the review of the Carers Strategy 2017-21; the Feeley report and the additional funding announcement. The report will include a consideration of all three.
- I reminded the IJB that the Carers Interest network (CIN) includes only commissioned third sector organisations (TSOs). I pointed out that there are at least as many non-commissioned carers TSOs which are effectively excluded from the network. It also means that the H&SCP does not benefit from input from the broadest possible carer experience. It was agreed that additional funding should be used for respite care wherever possible.