

**Item 9 - Question Time**

To the Leader of the Council

“What discussions have the Council had with NHS Highland over the future of the Health & Social Care Partnership?”

Response to Mr R Laird

Senior members of the Council have had a number of meetings with Executive and non-Executive Board members of NHS Highland to discuss the future arrangements for the Highland Health & Social Care Partnership.

The most recent meeting involved consideration of the role of the Joint Monitoring Committee with Scottish Government colleagues and led to a wider commitment to review the governance and organisational arrangements between the organisations. Senior officers have been tasked with preparing recommendations for further consideration and at the appropriate time it is intended that these will be discussed across the Council.