

The Chief Officer  
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Dear Ms Irons

**Assurances provided by Angus Council – Year to 31 March 2018**

Angus Council provides support services to the Angus Integration Joint Board (Angus IJB) under the agreement dated 4 February 2016.

The Angus Council Scrutiny & Audit Committee has overseen delivery of a risk-assessed Internal Audit plan for 2017/18. At its meeting in June 2018, the committee considered the [Audit Manager's Annual Report for 2017/18](#) and the [draft Angus Council Governance Statement for 2017/18](#).

In my 2016/17 assurance letter I drew attention to the Internal Audit review of Financial Management services provided by the Council to Angus IJB. The review identified weaknesses that meant the system was assessed as inadequate. During 2017/18, Internal Audit carried out a follow-up review which confirmed that progress had been made with issues such as budgetary management and financial reporting.

During 2017/18, Internal Audit undertook a review of IT User Access Administration (Integra). The conclusion of the review was that only limited assurance could be placed on the controls which are intended to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Integra finance system. The main issue giving rise to the limited assurance assessment related to two priority 1 actions about administrator access. Both actions had been completed by April 2018.

As Convener of the Scrutiny & Audit Committee, taking into account the work undertaken by the Scrutiny & Audit Committee in the year 2017/18, I confirm that adequate and effective governance arrangements were in place throughout Angus Council during the year 2017/18 in relation to the support services provided to the Angus IJB.

Yours sincerely

Councillor King  
Convener, Angus Council Scrutiny & Audit Committee.

cc. Sandy Berry, Chief Finance Officer, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership