



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2019

GOVERNANCE UPDATE FOR SERVICES DELIVERED WITHIN ANGUS COUNCIL

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ABSTRACT

To brief the Audit Committee regarding the output of the Angus HSCP submission to Angus Council regarding governance arrangements for services managed by Angus HSCP within Angus Council.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board Audit Committee:-

- (i) note the main points from this update; and
- (ii) note that an action plan is being progressed to resolve issues raised in this submission.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On an annual basis Angus Council reviews departmental governance arrangements regarding issues such as corporate governance, information governance and financial governance. At the end of 2018/19 the HSCP, reflecting that the HSCP delivers services through Angus Council, completed this review for the first time and has since submitted a submission to Angus Council.

This submission flagged up a number of areas for further review including:-

- (i) the formal Scheme of Delegation within the Angus HSCP;
- (ii) the management of lists of authorised signatories;
- (iii) considering further the segregation of duties; and
- (iv) the arrangements for managing assets and stock attributed to the HSCP.

2.2 The IJB has already indicated to Angus Council that it would anticipate taking forward a plan to consider issues associated with the scheme of delegation and authorised signatories with Angus Council, to ensure any improvements are consistent with Angus Council requirements and fit for purpose with respect to systems currently in use.

In the near future the IJB will also look to progress any relevant work regarding the issues associated with assets and stock.

The IJB has a very limited number of assets and stock attributed to it (principally equipment linked to Community Alarm) so it is anticipated that this exercise will be deliverable in the near future.

Issues associated with segregation of duties will also be considered with governance functions within Angus Council.

2.3 The output of the submission has already been shared with Angus Council.

3. CONCLUSIONS

The Audit Committee is requested to note the above update and to note that a small number of issues are still being considered as described above relating to services managed by Angus HSCP within Angus Council.

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