



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**REPORT NO. IJB 29/21**

**ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**  
**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2021**  
**2020/21 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**  
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**ABSTRACT**

To present the Annual Internal Audit Report as produced by Angus IJB's Internal Auditors.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Angus IJB Audit Committee: -

- (i) Note this report in context of evaluating the internal control environment for 2020/21 and consider any actions to be taken on the issues reported for consideration;
- (ii) Note and approve the audit recommendations and preliminary management responses documented within the report, noting those response will be subject to future ratification.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Appendix 1 is Angus IJB's Internal Auditor's 2019/20 Annual Internal Audit Report. This is a document that is produced annually to provide the IJB Audit Committee with an independent view of the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the framework of governance, risk management and control within the IJB. In turn this informs the compilation of the IJB's draft Annual Governance Statement – part of the IJB's Annual Accounts (separately reported to June 2021 IJB Audit Committee) – and is available to the IJB's External Auditors.

The IJB Audit Committee is asked to note the evaluations of the internal control environment. The main conclusions made by Angus IJB's Chief Internal Auditor (see sections 17-19 of the report) are as follows:-

- 1) As Chief Internal Auditor, this Annual Internal Audit Report to the IJB provides my opinion on the IJB's internal control framework for the financial year 2020/21.
- 2) Based on the work undertaken, I have concluded that Reliance can be placed on the IJBs governance arrangements and systems of internal controls for 2020/21.
- 3) In addition, I have not advised management of any concerns around the following
  - Consistency of the Governance Statement with information that we are aware of from our work;
  - The format and content of the Governance Statement in relation to the relevant guidance;
  - The disclosure of all relevant issues.

This conclusion is reflected in the IJB's draft Governance Statement reported to the June 2021 IJB Audit Committee.

The IJB Audit Committee are also required to consider any actions required as a result of the issues reported for consideration. There are a number of issues recommended for consideration by the IJB. Some reflect of shortcomings documented previously with recommendations for progression. The IJB has provided preliminary responses at this stage, subject to further consideration by the IJB's Executive Management Team. Final responses will be provided to the IJB's Audit Committee in August. Some of the responses also require further consideration by other forums within the IJB (e.g. the IJB's Strategic Planning Group).

The IJB's ability to address governance improvements (rather than maintain current governance arrangements) may be constrained by any medium term continued impact of COVID-19 and general management capacity. That is clearly hard to predict. However the preliminary nature of responses does suggest input will be required from across the IJB and this dispersed nature of input may improve the opportunities to make progress.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

The IJB's Audit Committee is required to note this report and consider the issues raised in this report. Additionally the IJB Audit Committee should note and approve the audit recommendations and preliminary management responses set out within the report.

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