



## RISK, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27 April 2021
<b>Report Title</b>	External Audit Strategy 2020/21
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<b>Consultation Checklist Completed</b>	Yes
<b>Appendices</b>	a. IJB External Audit Strategy

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report presents the draft external audit strategy to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee for its consideration.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee Approves the approach to external audit, as outlined in Appendix A.

### 3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. 2019-20 is the fifth year of KPMG's external audit appointment to Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board having been appointed by the Accounts Commission as auditor of the Board under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The period of appointment is 2016-17 to 2021-22, inclusive, as extended by Audit Scotland.
- 3.2. The draft external audit strategy is attached in Appendix A and outlines KPMG's responsibilities as external auditor for the year ending 31 March 2021 and their intended approach to issues impacting on the Partnership's activities in the year.



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### 4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities** - There are no direct Equalities implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.2. **Fairer Scotland Duty** - There are no direct implications for Fairer Scotland Duty arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.3. **Financial** - There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.4. **Workforce** - There are no direct workforce implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.5. **Legal** - There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### 5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

- 5.1. Not Applicable

### 6. Management of Risk

- 6.1. **Identified Risks** There is a risk of financial failure, that demand outstrips budget and IJB cannot deliver on priorities, statutory work, and projects an overspend.
- 6.2. **Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:** Strategic Risk 2
- 6.3. **How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:**  
The approach to external audit as outlined in Appendix A will help mitigate this risk as it outlines work that KPMG will undertake on behalf of ACHSCP to ensure financial statements give a true and fair view and are prepared in accordance with relevant accounting standards and legislation. They will also review the governance statement and arrangements for preparing and publishing statutory performance information. Finally, the External Auditors will review the financial sustainability on the Integration Joint Board.