



## RISK, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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| <b>Date of Meeting</b>                  | 17 November 2022   |
| <b>Report Title</b>                     | Review of Financial Regulations  |
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| <b>Consultation Checklist Completed</b> | Yes  |
| <b>Directions Required</b>              | No   |
| <b>Appendices</b>                       | Appendix A - Financial Regulations v4.0<br>– September 2022  |

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (RAPC) with an update on the Chief Finance Officer's review of the Integration Joint Board's (IJB) Financial Regulations.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that RAPC:

a) Approve the revised Financial Regulations are attached at Appendix A.

### 3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. The IJB commissions services from Aberdeen City Council (ACC) and NHS Grampian (NHSG). The management of services within these organisations is governed by their own financial regulations.



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- 3.2.** Under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the IJB is required to make arrangements for administration of its financial affairs. At its meeting on the 26 March 2016, the IJB agreed a set of financial regulations which detailed the responsibilities, policies and procedures that govern the IJB.
- 3.3.** The IJB requested that the financial regulations are reviewed regularly.
- 3.4.** The previous review was in 2021, and a report to the 23 September 2021 meeting of the RAPC (report HSCP.21.109) considered that no changes were required.
- 3.5.** The revised financial regulations are attached at Appendix A.  
The main changes are:-
- Committee Name
    - Replace Audit and Performance Committee with Risk, Audit and Performance Committee throughout.
  - Insurance
    - Paragraph 5.6.2 now states that the Board is a member of the Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Scheme. On the previous version the Board was in the process of applying for membership.
- 4. Implications for IJB**
- 4.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty and Health Inequalities** – there are no direct implications as a result of this report.
- 4.2. Financial** – the IJB Financial Regulations detail the financial responsibilities, and policies and procedures that govern the Integration Joint Board.
- 4.3. Workforce** – there are no direct workforce implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.4. Legal** – approval of these Financial Regulations will allow the IJB to comply with its obligation to make arrangements for its financial affairs under the



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Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Should a major change be required to the financial regulations then this would need to be passed through to the IJB for final approval.

**4.5. Other** – there are no other implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

**5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan** - Development and management of robust financial arrangements acknowledges the strategic intent of the IJB and enables delivery of the strategic aims

### 6. Management of Risk

**6.1. Identified risks(s):** Without regular review of the Financial Regulations and adherence to them, there is a risk of financial failure and a negative impact on the delivery of the ACHSCP priorities.

**6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:** Risk 2 (Strategic Risk Register) - There is a risk of financial failure, that demand outstrips budget and IJB cannot deliver on priorities, statutory work, and projects an overspend.

**6.3. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:**  
The regular review of our financial regulations aims to maintain the integrity of the IJB's financial system and as such will help to mitigate this risk.