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Appendices	a. <i>SSN_Report_Aberdeen City_IJB_2023_10_10</i>
Terms of Reference	1.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the submission of the attached climate change report to the Scottish Government by 30th November 2023.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:
- a) Approves the attached Climate Change Report; and
 - b) Instructs the Chief Officer to submit the Climate Change Report to the Scottish Government by 30th November 2023.

3. Strategic Plan Context



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- 3.1. The Strategic Plan (2022-2025) commits to “embed[ding] consideration of the impact of climate change in health and social care planning and in business continuity arrangements aiming to reduce our carbon footprint and deliver on our Net Zero emissions target.”
- 3.2. Following a preliminary scoping of work to be undertaken to meet existing and future climate change reporting to Scottish Government, a programme of work was launched in late 2022 (detailed in report presented to and approved by the IJB on 29th November 2022). The climate change strategic oversight group (CCSOG) was created to oversee the further scoping and delivery of this work and consists of key members of the ACHSCP Senior Leadership team and senior climate change representatives from Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian.

4. Summary of Key Information

- 4.1. New Scottish Government reporting requirements were put in place last year and are integrated into the attached report.
- 4.2. The IJB previously (29 Nov 2022) agreed to a) commit to becoming Net Zero by 2045, and if possible earlier; and to b) include an impact section on climate change & net zero in future reporting templates (now integrated in all reporting templates from August 2023 onwards).
- 4.3. The attached report covers the previous financial year (April 2022-March 2023).
- 4.4. Various sections in the attached report do not apply to IJBs as the majority of climate change duties remain with statutory partners (Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian) and are reported to Scottish Government through their respective climate change reports. There is no expectation for IJBs to report on emissions and activities they are not responsible for (sections 3c; 3e-j; and wider influence tab), hence these sections have been left blank.

5. Implications for IJB

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations set out in the report.

5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.2. Financial



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There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.3. Workforce

There are no direct workforce implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.4. Legal

The IJB has a duty to report annually on climate change by submitting a report, by 30th November 2023, to the Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN), which collects and reviews public sector climate change reporting for the Scottish Government. Failing to submit the attached climate change report, or failing to submit it by the deadline, will class the Aberdeen City IJB as “non-compliant”. There are, however, no known enforcement actions or penalties for non-compliance.

Other than the aforementioned, there are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.5. Unpaid Carers

There are no direct implications for unpaid carers arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.6. Information Governance

There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations of this report. It should be noted however that over time and progress of the climate change work, there will be positive implications in regards to Net Zero and climate change adaptation.

5.8. Sustainability

There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations of this report.



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5.9. Other



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6. Management of Risk

Risk Appetite Statement

Authors should look at the Risk Appetite Statement which has been approved by the IJB. The IJB recognises that achievement of its priorities will involve balancing different types of risk and that there will be a complex relationship between different risks and opportunities. The risk appetite approach is intended to be helpful to the Board in decision making and to enable members to consider the risks to organisational goals of not taking decisions as well as of taking them.

6.1. Identified risks(s)

- 6.1.1. If the recommendations of this report are not approved there is a high risk of reputational damage and adverse comments from internal and external auditors, due to the failure to comply with the law.
- 6.1.2. There is a medium risk (medium likelihood, and medium to high impact) that the Aberdeen City IJB will not achieve becoming Net Zero by 2045.
 - 6.1.2.1. Controls are already in place to reduce the likelihood and to mitigate the impact is work to be undertaken by the scheduled climate change programme.
 - 6.1.2.2. There is considerable residual risks associated with the difficulties associated with measuring, and, in particular, controlling Scope 3 emissions (which constitute the entirety of emissions the Partnership is responsible for). This risk is not specific to the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership and is experienced by most with duties to report on Scope 3 emissions.
 - 6.1.2.3. The risk can be tolerated for a period of time until further controls are in place.

6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

6.2.1. Strategic Risk Register – Risk 4: There is a risk that the IJB, and the services that it directs and has operational oversight of, fails to meet the national, regulatory and local standards.



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6.2.2. Approving and submitting the attached report to Scottish Government by the 30th November 2023 deadline mitigates this risk in regards to the duty to report on climate change.