



## Risk, Audit and Performance Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	17 June 2025
<b>Report Title</b>	Unaudited Annual Accounts
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<b>Consultation Checklist Completed</b>	Yes
<b>Directions Required</b>	No
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	A. Unaudited Annual Accounts
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	15. Consider and approve annual financial accounts and related matters

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to allow the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (RAPC) to review and comment on the unaudited final accounts for 2024/25.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee:
- a) Consider and comment on the Unaudited Final Accounts for 2024/25 at Appendix A.

### 3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. This is the eighth time that a full set of accounts have been prepared for the Integration Joint Board (IJB).



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- 3.2.** A great deal of work has been undertaken at a national level to agree on a proposed approach to the Integration Joint Board Accounts. Even then there will be changes in format and the disclosures contained in the accounts based on local circumstances. However, the major disclosures and format are based on a template commissioned by the Scottish Government with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).
- 3.3.** The accounts are based on the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2024/25 (the Code) and follow the format of the accounts used by local authorities as the IJB is recognised as a local government body, under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- 3.4.** There is a possibility that some of the disclosures and the accounts will need to be changed during the audit process.
- 3.5.** The audit of the accounts will take place in June 2025. The final audited accounts will be brought back to a meeting of the Risk, Audit & Performance Committee once the audit has been undertaken and present to the IJB for final approval in September 2025.
- 3.6.** The draft accounts will be subject to review by Audit Scotland during June 2025. The Chief Finance Officer will meet with Audit Scotland to review the draft accounts during June 2025.
- 3.7.** The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 defines the notice period, the inspection period, the deadline for submission of an objection to the accounts and the information which must be made available for inspection. The inspection must last 15 working days.
- 3.8.** Aberdeen City Council have shortened the timescale for closing the final accounts of the Council. As the IJB accounts feed into the Aberdeen City Accounts, the IJB accounts also have to be closed off quicker than in most other IJBs.
- 3.9.** At the time of issuing this report, information is outstanding to complete the Remuneration Report, this will be available and the report updated prior to submitting these accounts to Audit Scotland.
- 3.10.** The accounts follow the following format:



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**Management Commentary** - Explains the performance over the last financial year and highlights some of the potential risks during the next financial year.

**Remuneration Note** – contains details of the pay and pension benefits accrued by the senior officers of the IJB during 2024/25. Please note the pension benefits for Chief Officers for 2024/25 are still to be added to the draft accounts.

**Annual Governance Statement** – Highlights the Governance Framework in place and describes performance and improvements against the local code of governance. This contains the assurances from Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian. It also contains wording from the Chief Internal Auditor on the internal control environment.

**Financial Statements** – contains details of the financial transactions, including the Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Movement in Reserves Statement.

**Notes to the Accounts** – including the financial policies used by the IJB over this period and the relevant disclosures required through the code.

- 3.11. As can be seen through the accounts at the end of the financial year the IJB has no remaining useable reserve at the end of the financial year.

### 4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities** – There are no equalities implications arising from this report.
- 4.2. **Fairer Scotland Duty** – There are no Fairer Scotland Duty implications arising from this report.
- 4.3. **Financial** - The financial implications are highlighted throughout this report and in Appendix A.
- 4.4. **Workforce** – There are no workforce implications arising from this report.
- 4.5. **Legal** – There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 4.6. **Other** – There are no other implications arising from this report.

### 5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan



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- 5.1.** Good governance and internal controls are fundamental to ensuring the delivery of the strategic plan.



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### **6. Management of Risk**

#### **6.1. Identified risk(s) & Link to risk number of strategic/operational risk register:**

- There is a risk of financial failure, that demand outstrips budget and IJB cannot deliver on priorities, statutory work, and project an overspend – High (Strategic Risk #2)
- There is a risk that demographic & financial pressures cause the IJB to fail to deliver transformational & sustainable system change resulting in people not receiving the best health and social care outcomes – High (Strategic Risk #5)

#### **6.2. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate the known risks:** The audited accounts are an important document for the IJB, demonstrating financial performance over the year and are independently audited. Recommendations could be received from the external auditors which impact on any of the strategic risks highlighted above.