



Audit and Performance Systems Committee

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1: Purpose of the Report

The Integration Joint Board reviewed and considered the unaudited final accounts at its meeting on the 22nd of May 2018.

The purpose of this report is to allow the Audit & Performance Systems (APS) Committee to consider and approve the audited final accounts for 2017/18.

The APS Committee has provision within its Terms of Reference 'to consider and approve annual financial accounts and related matters'.

2: Summary of Key Information

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

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 is based on a template commissioned by the Scottish Government with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

The accounts are based the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2017/18 (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.



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The audit of the accounts took place the week beginning the 21st of May 2018. The final audited accounts have been brought back to the APS Committee for approval at this meeting. During the audit process some minor changes were made to the accounts, largely presentational changes in relation to the management commentary.

Aberdeen City Council have embarked on a process to shorten the timescale for closing the final accounts. As the IJB accounts feed into the Aberdeen City Accounts, the IJB have been collated quicker than in 2016/17. The intention is that the Aberdeen City Council accounts, including the group accounts, will be drafted, audited and approved by 30 June at the latest.

The accounts follow the following format:

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 2017/18.

Annual Governance Statement – Highlights the Governance Framework in place and describes performance and improvements against the local code of governance. As was discussed at the last APS Committee, this now contains the assurances from Aberdeen City Council, NHS Grampian and the Internal Auditors. Note it also contains an additional disclosure in relation to the Kingsmead Nursing Home.

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.

As can be seen through the accounts at the end of the financial year the IJB has £8,306,254 in its useable reserve at the end of the financial year, which has largely been allocated by the IJB for specific integration and change projects.

Appendices



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- A) Final Audited Accounts 2017/18
B) Letter of representation

3: Equalities, Financial, Workforce and Other Implications

Equalities – There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Financial – The financial implications are highlighted throughout the report and in the appendix.

Workforce – There are no workforce implications directly arising from this report.

4: Management of Risk

Identified risk(s) and link to strategic 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.
- There is a risk that the governance arrangements between the IJB and its partner organisations (ACC and NHSG) are not robust enough to provide necessary assurance within the current assessment framework – leading to duplication of effort and poor relationships.
- There is a risk of reputational damage to the IJB and its partner organisations resulting from complexity of function, delegation and delivery of services across health and social care.
- There is a risk of failure to deliver transformation at a pace or scale required by the demographic and financial pressures in the system.

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.



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5: Recommendations

It is recommended that the Audit & Performance Systems Committee

- 1) Consider and agree the Integration Joint Board's Unaudited Accounts for 2017/18, as attached at appendix A.
- 2) Instruct Officers to submit the approved audited accounts to NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council.
- 3) Instruct the Chief Finance Officer to sign the representation letter, as attached at appendix B.