

## **REPORT TO COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 07 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **COMMITTEE REVIEW PROCESS STAGE 1 / STAGE 1 REFERRAL: INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2212 – IJB TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS**

#### **1. Executive Summary/Recommendations**

1.1 This report provides an update on progress against the action plan arising from Internal Audit Report 2212 'IJB (Integration Joint Board) Transformational Projects', following previous discussion at Communities Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 and as part of the agreed framework of the Stage 1 Committee Review Process. Members are asked to consider recommendations and agree future improvement actions.

#### **1.2 The Committee is recommended to:**

**1.2.1 Consider whether this further update on the Stage 1 scrutiny report and recommendations provides the Committee with sufficient assurances on this matter; and**

**1.2.2 Where the Committee feels that the report does not provide adequate reassurance, request the delivery of a Stage 2 workshop for the Committee to allow for further exploration of the issue and identification of potential improvement actions.**

#### **2 Decision-Making Route**

2.1 On 22 March 2023, the Audit Committee considered Internal Audit Report 2212 and agreed that a request be made to the Communities Committee to conduct the Committee Review Process relating to a matter of service delivery for improvement identified on the matter of 'Assurance Review of IJB (Integration Joint Board) Governance'.

2.2 On 01 June 2023 the Communities Committee received a report from the Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership asking it to consider this referral from the Audit Committee on a proposed Committee Review Process. The Communities Committee considered the request from the Audit Committee and determined to conduct the Committee Review Process in respect of the matter of service delivery identified by the Audit Committee for improvement. The Committee agreed that the Chief Officer, Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership would report to Committee with the Stage 1 Report on 07 September 2023 (the next Committee following summer recess).

2.3 On 06 July 2023 the Audit Committee considered a report advising that the Communities Committee had agreed to conduct the Stage 1 Report Committee Review and noted that a further report would be presented to the Audit Committee when the Communities Committee has concluded its consideration in terms of the Committee Review Process.

### 3 Discussion

- 3.1 The detailed scope of this review was provided in the Stage 1 Report to Communities Committee on 01 June 2023 including presentation of progress against the action plan.
- 3.2 The AHSCP intentionally agreed longer term timescales for delivery of these recommendations (to December 2023) recognising the depth of work involved and the requirement for a collaborative approach to the embedding of project management processes across the HSCP with the involvement of operational managers and professional leads participating in or leading projects under the Strategic Delivery Plan.
- 3.3 In the interim the IJB also instructed officers to further review and prioritise its transformational work as pressures and demands on health and social care services have continued, to ensure realistic deliverables.
- 3.4 For this reason the status against the majority of recommendations remains 'in-progress' however focus continues to be given to implementing actions required to provide assurance and ensure timely completion for workstreams agreed as continuing priorities under the HSCP's strategic delivery plan.
- 3.4 The Chief Officer, Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership will report the Committee's decision to the meeting of the Audit Committee on 21 September 2023.

### 4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 This report helps deliver the Strategic Priority "Health and Wellbeing" within the Pillar "People".
- 4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		X	
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First		X	

- 4.3 There are no staffing or financial implications specifically arising from the recommendations if agreed.
- 4.4 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process was completed when the scrutiny referral was submitted to Communities Committee on 01 June 2023. This did not identify the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken. An integrated impact assessment is not required because this report is to provide committee with information relating to a matter being processed by way of the Committee Review Process.
- 4.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level:
- ACORP004 Business and organisational transformation

## **5 Scheme of Governance**

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section D.7.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the matter relates to the scrutiny and review of the effectiveness of Council policy implementation and Council service delivery in respect of a function within its remit.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Report 2212 Action Plan Update