

To: Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee

On: 15 March 2024

Report by: Chief Internal Auditor

Heading: Internal Audit Plan 2023/24 - Progress

1. Summary

- 1.1 In March 2023, the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee approved the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/2024, as detailed at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 1.2 The plan sets out a resource requirement of 35 days, including governance work, reviewing the adequacy and compliance with the Local Code of Corporate Governance, time for follow up of previous recommendations, ad-hoc advice and planning and reporting.
- 1.3 This report provides an update on the progress of the internal audit plan for 2023/2024.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee notes the progress against the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24.

3. Background

- 3.1 The 2023/2024 engagement on performance management has been finalised and a summary of the report is included on this agenda. The annual review of the adequacy and compliance with the Local Code of Corporate Governance has just commenced and will be reported to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee on 21 June 2024.
- 3.2 The Internal Audit Annual Report will be provided to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee on 21 June 2024. The Annual Audit Plan for 2024/2025, is included elsewhere on this agenda.

- 3.3 One of the actions arising from the self-assessment exercise against the key principles contained in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) latest guidance for local authority Audit Committees, was to undertake a formal training needs analysis for members of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board. Members have been asked to complete a knowledge and skills framework questionnaire and this has been used to prepare an audit committee training and development programme, which is included on this agenda.
- 3.3 Time for planning and reporting continues to be used for regular reporting to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board.

Implications of the Report

- 1. Financial none.
- 2. HR & Organisational Development none.
- 3. Community Planning none.
- 4. Legal none.
- 5. Property/Assets none.
- 6. Information Technology none.
- 7. Equality & Human Rights none
- 8. Health & Safety none.
- 9. Procurement none.
- 10. Risk The subject matter of this report is the risk based Audit Plan for 2023 2024.
- 11. Privacy Impact none.

List of Background Papers - none.

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Audit Category	Engagement Title	No. of days	Detailed work
Governance	Performance Management	20	• The purpose of the audit is to review the arrangements in place for managing and monitoring organisational performance.
Governance	Local Code of Corporate Governance	5	 Annual review of the adequacy and compliance with the Local Code of Corporate Governance to inform the governance statement.
Planning & Reporting	Annual Plan, Annual Report and Audit Committee reporting & training	7	• The Chief Internal Auditor is required to prepare an annual plan and annual report for the Audit Committee, summarising the work undertaken by Internal Audit during the year and using this to form an opinion on the adequacy of the control environment of the IJB.
Contingency	Ad-hoc advice and Consultancy	3	• Time for advice and consultancy on relevant priorities and risks or change related projects and following up on the implementation of internal audit recommendations.