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

On: 21 June 2024

Report by: Chief Internal Auditor

Heading: Summary of Internal Audit Reports

1. Summary

- 1.1 A risk based Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24 was approved by the IJB Audit Committee on 24 March 2023. In line with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, Internal Audit must communicate the results of each engagement to the Board.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides details of the completed audit engagement for the Annual review of the adequacy and compliance with the Local Code of Corporate Governance, with the overall assurance rating and the number of recommendations in each risk category. The committee summary is also attached at Appendix 2.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Integration Joint Board Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the content of the report.
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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 progress of the risk-based Audit Plan for the IJB.
 11. **Privacy Impact** - none.
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List of Background Papers – none.

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Appendix 1

Integration Joint Board Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee

Internal Audit Service

Summary of Final Audit Reports Issued

Engagement	Assurance Rating	Recommendation Ratings			
		Critical	Important	Good Practice	Service Improvement
Governance Arrangements (Local Code of Corporate Governance)	Substantial	0	0	0	0

Assurance Level	
Substantial Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a sound system of internal control designed to achieve the objectives of the area being reviewed. The control processes tested are being consistently applied.
Reasonable Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The internal control processes are generally satisfactory with some areas of weakness being identified that could put some objectives of the area being reviewed at risk. There is evidence that the level of non-compliance with some of the control processes may put some of the objectives of the area being reviewed at risk.
Limited Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weaknesses in the system of internal controls are such as to put the objectives of the area being reviewed at risk. The level of non-compliance puts the objectives of the area being reviewed at risk.
No Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control processes are generally weak with significant risk to the achievement of the objectives of the area being reviewed. Significant non-compliance with control processes leaves the processes/systems open to error or abuse.

Recommendation Rating	
Service Improvement	Implementation will improve the efficiency / housekeeping of the area under review.
Good Practice	Implementation will contribute to the general effectiveness of control.
Important	Implementation will raise the level of assurance provided by the control system to acceptable levels.
Critical	Addresses a significant risk, impacting on the objectives of the area under review.

Appendix 2

Internal Audit Report

IJB - Governance Arrangements (B0017/2024/001)

Date: May 2024

COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Audit Objectives

The Renfrewshire Integrated Joint Board (IJB) have developed local governance arrangements that are designed to ensure compliance with, 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework,' published by CIPFA. The objectives of this audit were to review independently and report annually to the IJB Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee:

- To provide assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Local Code of Corporate Governance and the extent of compliance with it.
- To support the Chief Internal Auditor's annual opinion included in the Internal Audit Annual Report and the Governance Statement included in the Annual Accounts.

Audit Scope

1. Obtained an up-to-date copy of the IJB's Local Code of Corporate Governance and selected a sample of elements for compliance testing.
2. Obtained the appropriate evidence to confirm compliance with the Code. here was adequate management oversight for the selected performance indicators.

Key Audit Assurances

1. The Local Code and Sources of Assurance for Governance Arrangements was updated and submitted to the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board on the 23rd of June 2023.
2. Based on our sample check of the evidence used to demonstrate compliance, we would confirm that the IJB complies with the requirements of the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Key Risks

- No key risks were identified as a result of this audit.

Overall Audit Opinion

Internal Audit has reviewed the adequacy and effectiveness of the revised Code which was presented to the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board on the 23rd of June 2023. Based on our sample check of the evidence used to demonstrate compliance, we would confirm that the IJB complies with the requirements of the Local Code of Corporate Governance. In addition, it is evident that the Local Code has been subject to regular review and updating in line with developments in best practice.

Management Commentary

N/A as no key risks identified.