

**IJB AUDIT COMMITTEE
17 DECEMBER 2018**



**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE –
ANNUAL REVIEW 2018/19**

Aim

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit proposals to the IJB Audit Committee for its endorsement to enable IJB Members to be involved in the annual review of the IJB's Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Background

- 2.1 The public sector has adopted Corporate Governance principles. Fundamentally Corporate Governance is about openness, integrity and accountability. It comprises the systems and processes, and cultures and values, by which organisations are directed and controlled and through which they account to, engage with and, where appropriate, lead their communities.
- 2.2 The Local Code of Corporate Governance of the Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) provides the framework for the corporate governance arrangements for delivering health and social care integration in the Scottish Borders. Following its 2017/18 annual review, on recommendation by the IJB Audit Committee 25 June 2018, the IJB approved its revised Local Code of Corporate Governance at its meeting on 17 September 2018.
- 2.3 During the discussions at the aforementioned meeting it was noted that the Local Code was evolving, an annual review would take place and arrangements would be put in place to allow Board members to feed into the process. Specific matters were noted, such as mention of a commissioning policy given the IJB is a commissioning body and potential inclusion in the next iteration of the Local Code of sustainable, economic and social environmental benefits.

Summary

- 3.1 An annual review and reporting of the IJB's governance arrangements will continue.
- 3.2 Officers propose that separate sessions be held in early 2019 to enable IJB Members to be involved in the annual review 2018/19 of the IJB's Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Recommendation

The Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit Committee is asked to endorse the proposal that separate sessions be held in early 2019 to enable IJB Members to be involved in the annual review 2018/19 of the IJB's Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Policy/Strategy Implications	IJB's Local Code of Corporate Governance and arrangements for its annual review will enable the IJB to comply with best practice. Good governance will enable the IJB to pursue its vision effectively as well as underpinning that vision with mechanisms for control and management of risk.
Consultation	The IJB's Chief Officer and Chief Financial Officer have been involved in discussions on proposals to enable engagement of Members of the IJB in the Annual Review of Local Code of Corporate Governance.
Risk Assessment	The Local Code of Corporate Governance provides the framework for members and officers of the IJB to conduct its affairs that are based on seven principles. The review of and revisions to the Local Code of Corporate Governance will ensure that internal controls, risk management and other governance arrangements are improved through the implementation of the framework.
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	There are no equalities implications arising from this report.
Resource/Staffing Implications	There are no direct resource/staffing implications arising from this report.

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