

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit Committee



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SCOTTISH BORDERS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2019/20 (UNAUDITED)

Purpose of Report:	The purpose of this report is to present, for approval, the draft unaudited Annual Accounts of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for the period to the 31 March 2020, complying with its statutory responsibility to produce financial statements in respect of financial year 2019/20.
Recommendations:	The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Note</u> the 2019/20 Annual Accounts (unaudited); and b) <u>Approve</u> their submission to the External Auditors (Audit Scotland) for their annual audit review.
Personnel:	There are no personnel implications resulting from this report.
Carers:	There is no impact on carers resulting from this report.
Equalities:	There is no impact on the partnership's equality and diversity requirements arising from this report.
Financial:	The accounts and their underlying supporting records contain all financial information for the partnership's activities to 31st March 2020.
Legal:	The requirement for the Integration Joint Board to produce Annual Accounts for 2019/20 is contained within Regulation 5 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.
Risk Implications:	There are no risks directly arising from this report. The accounts remain unaudited. When audited, they will be reported to the IJB Audit Committee following update for any matters arising.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that the Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board (IJB) is subject to the audit and accounts provisions of a body under Section 106 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. This requires the IJB to prepare and publish a set of Annual Accounts at the end of each financial year.
- 1.2 These accounts must be reviewed by an Independent Auditor who reports their findings to the IJB Audit Committee. The report will present the Independent Auditors opinion on the accounts and bring any matters of concern to the Audit Committee. The independent Auditor of the Scottish Border's IJB is Audit Scotland.
- 1.3 Integration Joint Board accounts normally require preparation in draft by 30 June each financial year, subject to audit, following which they require approval by the IJB Audit Committee by 30 September. They also require noting by the IJB itself following this approval by the Audit Committee. This year, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, a more flexible approach has been required. Draft unaudited accounts have been prepared in advance of 30 September and it is expected that their audit will be complete and a final set of accounts signed off by 31 October 2020.
- 1.4 IJB's are specified in legislation as 'section 106' bodies under the terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended and as such they are expected to prepare their financial statements in compliance with the Code of Practice on Accounting for Local Authorities in the United Kingdom.

2 2019/20 DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS (UNAUDITED)

- 2.1 The Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board was established on 06 February 2016. The 2019/20 accounts therefore represent the fourth year of operation of the IJB.
- 2.2 Under the Code of Practice on Accounting for Local Authorities in the United Kingdom, the IJB accounts must meet a number of specific reporting requirements. These include:
 - Management Commentary
 - Remuneration Report
 - Statement of Responsibilities
 - Annual Governance Statement
 - Independent Auditor's Report
 - Statement of Accounts
 - Disclosure Notes to the Accounts
- 2.3 The Partnership's governance arrangements determine who is responsible for signing the financial statements each year, following specification in Regulations under s.105 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. This is provided for within the Annual Accounts and consists of the IJB Chair, Chief Officer and Chief Financial Officer where relevant. The accounts also require signing by the Independent Auditor by the same date.
- 2.4 Following approval by the Audit Committee, the draft accounts and all supporting papers will be released to the External Auditor and will be subject to a process of independent audit involving the supply of supplementary evidence, explanatory information and incorporation of suggested presentational amendments. Following this, a final version incorporating the External Auditor's audit opinion will be agreed.
- 2.5 The draft unaudited accounts are included as **Attachment 1** to this report. When the external audit is complete, a final audited set of accounts will be reported to the Integration Joint Board Audit Committee for scrutiny prior to their presentation to the IJB for approval.