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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-19

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To report on the assessment of internal audit need for the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and seek approval of the IJB Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2016-19.

COMPETENCE

2. The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2013 (PSIAS) sets basic principles for carrying out public sector internal audit in the UK. The PSIASs are applicable to the Comhairle, NHS Western Isles and any joint partnerships entered into by both organisations. In addition, guidance issued by the Integrated Resource Advisory Group (IRAG) also provides additional advice in relation to Health and Social care integration, together with expected good practice.

SUMMARY

3. As part of the initial assessment of audit need we met with key stakeholders, in this case the Chief Officer, IJB Section 95 Officer and other officers, taking cognisance of the risks identified in discussions with them during the preparation of the plan.
4. We reviewed the corporate and strategic objectives of the IJB over the next three years and aligned the internal audit response to meet these and focus on areas which are critical to the success of any emerging partnership.
5. The Strategic Audit Plan has been prepared based on a robust risk assessment process, following appropriate consultation, challenge and comparison with underlying, national, corporate and professional objectives. The planned internal audit reviews address the main focus of the IJB in terms of establishment, planning, and complying with the need to provide quality service provision in our communities whilst doing so effectively and efficiently in the use of finite resources.

RECOMMENDATION

6. It is recommended that the IJB Internal Audit Strategic Plan covering period 2016-19 be approved.

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