

Midlothian Integration Joint Board Audit and Risk Committee



Review of Risk Management Policy

Thursday, 6 June 2024

Item number: 5.3

Executive summary

The IJB approved its risk management policy at its meeting in February 2016.

At its meeting in December 2017, the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee recognised that *'the IJB's risk register (and risk management process) recognises the risk to the IJB's own business – that is the preparation and delivery of the Strategic Plan. The IJB's does not consider 'operational' risks, being the risks managed by the partners unless these risks are so significant that they would impact on the IJB's Strategic plan.*

That said, it should be remembered that IJB is not in a position to manage such operational risks and would, in any event, depend on the management actions of the partners.'

Best practice would require that the IJB now reviews its Risk Management Policy and this paper lays out that review.

Committee members are asked to:

- Consider the revision and amendments to the current policy
 - Recommend these amendments to the IJB
 - Recommend that the IJB adopts this revised Risk Management Policy
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper lays out a review of the IJB's Risk Management Policy

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Committee members are asked to
- Consider the revision and amendments to the current policy
 - Recommend these amendments to the IJB
 - Recommend that the IJB adopts this revised Risk Management Policy

3. Background and main report

- 3.1 The IJB agreed and adopted its Risk Management Policy at its February 2016 meeting.
- 3.2 At its December 2017 meeting the IJB's Audit and Risk committee reflected on the policy and noted that *'the IJB's risk register (and risk management process) recognises the risk to the IJB's own business – that is the preparation and delivery of the Strategic Plan. The IJB's does not consider 'operational' risks, being the risks managed by the partners unless these risks are so significant that they would impact on the IJB's Strategic plan.*
- That said, it should be remembered that IJB is not in a position to manage such operational risks and would, in any event, depend on the management actions of the partners'*
- 3.3 The Risk Management Policy now requires to be revised, reflecting the experience of the IJB over the past eight years.
- 3.4 The 2016 Risk Management Policy has been reviewed taking into account -
- The Audit and Risk Committee's reflection on what risks should be captured in the register, that is risks to the production and delivery of the Strategic Plan and the operational risks that will impact on the delivery of the Strategic Plan
 - That the policy should reflect more correctly the current arrangement for the management of the IJB and the support from the IJB partners.

- 3.5 Attached is a copy of the 2016 Risk Management Policy with the changes clearly tracked and notes made as appropriate. Committee members are asked to review this schedule.
- 3.6 The changes are not material but reflect that the IJB does not directly employ staff, deliver services directly nor have its own senior management team.

4. Policy Implications

- 4.1 There are no further policy implications arising from this report.

5. Equalities Implications

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report

6. Resource Implications

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

7 Risks

- 7.1 The risks are described in the risk register which is attached

8 Involving People

- 8.1 There are no direct implications for involving people as a result of this report.

9 Background Papers

- 9.2 None

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Appendix 1 – Revised and annotated Risk Management Policy