

Midlothian Integration Joint Board Audit and Risk Committee



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Audit Scotland – Recent Audit Reports of Interest

Item number: 5.7

Executive summary

This report highlights audit reports from Audit Scotland of areas of interest to the IJB audit and risk committee

Committee members are asked to:

1. *Committee members are asked to note the key messages*
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Audit Scotland – Recent Audit Reports of Interest

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report highlights audit reports from Audit Scotland on areas of interest to the IJB Audit and Risk Committee.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Committee members are asked to note the publications and the key messages
- Consider if any actions arising from this reports should be brought to the attention of the IJB.

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 The publications from Audit Scotland are reviewed regularly and those reports that may be of interest to the committee are highlighted for its attention
- 3.2 Much of the publications since the last update are the annual accounts of a whole range of public bodies. All of the IJB's annual accounts reports have been published and its interesting to examine a few of reports to see if there are any significant difference from the audit Scotland report to this IJB. A (admittedly) high level review suggests that there are not with the challenges of Covid and on-going financial sustainability being key themes.
- 3.3 A significant report, 'Social Care Briefing' was published in January 2022 and this was highlighted to the IJB by the Chief Officer in her report at the February meeting. This is attached in full to this paper and its recommended that members read this.
- 3.4 Two other reports may be worthy of consideration. Those being

https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2022/nr_220120_planning_skills.pdf

which is a report entitled 'Planning for Skills' which is, as its name suggests, a consideration of ensuring that the appropriate workforce skills are available.

<https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/publications/blog-statutory-performance-indicators>

which is a blog considering the use and application of performance indicators in the public sector

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 There are no policy implications from this report.

5 Directions

5.1 There are no implications on directions from this report.

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 There are no equalities implications from this report

7 Resource Implications

7.1 There are no resource implications from this report.

8 Risk

8.1 The risks raised by this report are already included within the IJB risk register.

9 Involving people

9.1 The IJB's annual accounts will be published on the IJB website.

10 Background Papers

10.1 None.

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Appendix – Social Care Briefing