

Midlothian Integration Joint Board Audit and Risk Committee



2nd December 2021 – 2pm

Best Value Questionnaire - Audit Scotland

Item number: 5.2

Executive summary

At its April 2019 meeting the committee received a paper on a best value questionnaire for IJBs which had been prepared by Audit Scotland. This paper is attached for reference. This paper recommended that time be put aside at a future meeting of the committee to discuss this questionnaire. This work has not been done and therefore it is suggested that this recommendation stands and that time is made available at a future meeting of the committee to discuss this questionnaire.

Therefore

Committee members are asked to:

- 1. Consider the publication of the report from Audit Scotland*
 - 2. Agree to a future extended Audit & Risk Committee to review the key messages in the report within the context of Midlothian IJB*
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Best Value Questionnaire – Audit Scotland

1 Purpose

- 1.1 At its meeting in September 2021, the IJB received a verbal update on Audit's Scotland's Best Value questionnaire. The committee asked for a further written report for its next meeting, however it has been noted that a paper on this matter went to the committee in April 2019. This report simply re-states that of April 2019 which is attached.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are being asked to:-
- Consider the publication of the report from Audit Scotland
 - Agree to a future extended Audit & Risk Committee to review the key messages in the report within the context of Midlothian IJB

3 Background and main report

See attached report.

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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Appendices:

Report of April 2019 – Audit Scotland Report – Auditing Best Value – Integration Joint Boards