

Stephen Brown (Chief Officer)

Orkney Health and Care

01856873535 extension: 2601

OHACfeedback@orkney.gov.uk



Agenda Item: 6

Integration Joint Board – Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 23 June 2021.

Subject: Draft Annual Accounts for Financial Year 2020/21.

1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of the annual accounts is to demonstrate proper stewardship of the Integration Joint Board's financial affairs.

2. Purpose

2.1. To scrutinise and thereafter approve the draft unaudited accounts for submission to Audit Scotland.

3. Recommendations

The Audit Committee is invited to note:

3.1. That, as Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) are specified in legislation as “section 106” bodies in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, consequently they are expected to prepare their financial statements in compliance with the Code of Practice on Accounting for Local Authorities in the United Kingdom.

3.2. The Management Commentary, comprising pages 5 to 21 of the draft Annual Accounts, attached as at Appendix 1 to this report, which provides an overview of the most significant matters reported in the Annual Accounts for financial year ended 31 March 2021.

3.3. The draft Annual Governance Statement, comprising pages 27 to 33 of the draft Annual Accounts, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

It is recommended:

3.4. That the Audit Committee reviews and thereafter approves the draft Annual Governance Statement and the draft Annual Accounts for financial year 2020/21, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Background

4.1. A requirement exists for each Integration Joint Board to prepare an annual set of accounts which are to be lodged with Audit Scotland by 30 June each year.

4.2. The accounts are then subject to an external audit verification process which concludes with an independent opinion being expressed on the accuracy and/or quality of the financial statements themselves. The statement of accounts, together with an appropriate audit certificate, must be published on its website by 31 October each year. However, due to COVID-19, Audit Scotland has delayed the audit and therefore the proposed date for signing off the accounts will be 17 November 2021.

4.3. The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Orkney Integration Joint Board's statement of accounts which, in terms of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ("the Code of Practice"), are required to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Orkney Integration Joint Board at the financial year end and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2021.

4.4. Local Authorities and Health Boards will continue to use the existing guidance in the preparation of their financial statements as well as consolidate the Integration Joint Board as a joint arrangement.

5. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Orkney Community Plan 2019 to 2022 visions are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

Resilience: To support and promote our strong communities.	No.
Enterprise: To tackle crosscutting issues such as digital connectivity, transport, housing and fuel poverty.	No.
Equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	No.
Fairness: To make sure socio-economic and social factors are balanced.	No.
Innovation: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	No.
Leadership: To involve partners such as community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process.	Yes.
Sustainability: To make sure economic and environmental factors are balanced.	Yes.

6. Resource implications and identified source of funding

6.1. There are no resource implications with this report.

7. Risk and Equality assessment

7.1. The Orkney Integration Joint Board is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards; that public money is safeguarded; properly accounted for; and used economically, efficiently and effectively.

8. Direction Required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No.

9. Escalation Required

Please indicate if this report requires escalated to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No.

10. Author

10.1. Pat Robinson (Chief Finance Officer), Integration Joint Board.

11. Contact details

11.1. Email: pat.robinson@orkney.gov.uk, telephone: 01856873535 extension 2601.

12. Supporting document

12.1. Appendix 1: Draft Annual Accounts 2020/21.