

REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 29 October 2015

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Appointment of a Chief Internal Auditor for the IJB

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper recommends that the IJB appoint a Chief Internal Auditor.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the East Lothian Internal audit manager is appointed as Chief Internal Auditor for the East Lothian IJB.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The function of Internal Audit is to provide the IJB and its officers with an objective assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the IJB's control systems.
- 3.2 The Scottish Government's guidance recommends the appointment of a Chief Internal Auditor for the IJB.
- 3.3 The Chief Internal Auditor will prepare an Audit plan for the IJB's approval and that plan and the assurance that is derived from the audits within the plan will support the work of the Audit and Risk Committee which the CIA will also attend.
- 3.4 The Scottish Government guidance goes on to suggest that this role is populated from either the CIA of the Health Board or the Council. After discussion, East Lothian Council have offered their Internal Audit Manager for this role.
- 3.5 The IJB is asked to approve the appointment of the East Lothian Internal Audit Manager to the role of Chief Internal Auditor for the IJB.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The relevant policy issues referred to in this report arise from the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is no direct impact on inequalities arising from this report.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no additional resource implications arising from the content of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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