



REPORT TO: IJB Audit & Risk Committee

MEETING DATE: 12 March 2024

BY: Interim Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Proposal to Deliver the Actions Arising from the Committee's Skills and Knowledge Assessment Review

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper provides an update to the Committee's discussions arising from its Skills and Knowledge assessment review. The paper proposes four further actions to address the key issues identified at this review.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the proposals below and the timetabled delivery.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The four key issues were agreed as follows:
- a. Counterfraud
 - b. Governance – specifically the Annual Governance Statement
 - c. Best Value
 - d. Partnerships and Collaborations

3.2 Counterfraud.

Both partners have well developed counter fraud processes. It's proposed that the partners prepare a deliver an appropriate presentation to the Committee at a development session following the September meeting. This presentation would also address the IJB issues within counterfraud.

3.3 Governance.

The IJB's annual accounts include an Annual Governance Statement which is prepared by the IJB's Internal Auditor. The IJB's CIA will prepare

a paper for the development session following the March Committee meeting describing the purpose of this statement.

3.4 Best Value.

The IJB has a statutory duty to ensure best value in the delivery of its delegated functions. This Committee received papers regarding Best Value and the IJB in 2019 and 2022 and a review of this and a further paper will be presented to a development session of the Committee following its June meeting.

3.5 Partnerships and Collaborations.

The IJB has a range of partners and collaborators, not only the statutory bodies which delegate, fund and deliver its functions but also a range of other parties in the third sector, staff groups and community groups. It's proposed that a presentation and discussion on the involvement in these relationships be brought to the development session of the Committee following its December meeting.

4 ENGAGEMENT

4.1 The IJB makes its papers and reports available on the internet.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This paper is covered within the policies already agreed by the IJB.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

7 DIRECTIONS

7.1 The subject of this report does not affect the IJBs directions or require a new direction to be issued.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial – None

8.2 Personnel – None

8.3 Other – None

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

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Appendices

None

