

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP – RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

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**1. Executive Summary**

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- 1.2 The strategy has been prepared in consultation with officers from both partners and whilst it differs from the Council approach, the content is reflective of expected practice and satisfies a requirement that the Scheme of Integration requires for parties to develop a shared risk management strategy that will identify, assess and prioritise risks.
- 1.3 Members are asked to approve the content of the Risk Management Strategy prior to submission to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB).

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**2. INTRODUCTION**

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**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Members are asked to approve the content of the Risk Management Strategy prior to submission to the Integrated Joint Board.

**4. DETAIL**

- 4.1 The IJB recognises that the planning and delivery of health and social care services involves having to manage risk. The IJB is responsible for the operational oversight of Integrated Services. The Risk Management Strategy describes the risk management arrangements for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and forms part of the wider framework for corporate governance and internal control.
- 4.2 The strategy has been prepared in consultation with officers from both partners and whilst it differs from the Council approach, the content is reflective of expected practice and satisfies a requirement that the Scheme of Integration requires for parties to develop a shared risk management strategy that will identify, assess and prioritise risks. A detailed guidance document has also been prepared to support the strategy.
- 4.3 The strategy takes a holistic approach to risk management and scope applies to all risks, whether relating to the provision of care, buildings, staff safety and well-being, financial and any other emerging risk.
- 4.4 The Chief Officer will ensure the maintenance of an up to date risk register in respect of all functions delegated to the IJB.
- 4.5 The Strategy outlines communication and reporting arrangements whereby the IJB will ensure that the Strategic Risk Register will be reported annually to the NHS Highland Board and Argyll and Bute Council, or whenever requested. The remit of the Audit Committee (IJB) includes responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the risk management approach.
- 4.6 As outlined within the Scheme of Integration, the Risk Management Strategy is to be approved by both partner organisations. The Strategy will allow for any subsequent changes to the strategy to be approved by Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

5.1 Arrangements are in place for the Health and Social Care Partnership which provide a sound foundation for identifying and managing risk.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Policy – Outlines the Risk Management Strategy to be implemented by the Health and Social Care Partnership.

6.2 Financial – None directly from this report but effective risk management assists with effective governance and stewardship of council and partnership resources

6.3 Personnel – None

6.4 Equal Opportunities – None

6.5 Legal – None.

6.6 Risk – Assurance can be taken that arrangements are in place to actively manage risk.

6.7 Customer Service – None.

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## **APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1 –Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Risk Management Strategy