AC4. Strategic Risk Register

The committee considered a report by the Interim Chief Finance Officer which provided an update on the IJB's strategic risk register. No new risks had been added to the register since the last version presented to the Audit Committee on 11th March 2022. As a result, there are had been 9 live risks recorded in the register, 8 had been considered as high risk and 1 as medium risk.

The report highlighted that a meeting had been held with NHS Forth Valley and Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB colleagues on 3 May 2022 to progress a range of longstanding residual actions in respect of integration. A renewed action plan had been in preparation to ensure that full integration of key health services had been achieved as soon as possible. As part of this, NHS Forth Valley's Corporate Risk Manager would undertake a detailed review of risk associated with integration. This review had been intended to be completed by 27 June 2022.

The Committee noted with concern the number of risks which had been considered as high risk, particularly those risks that had remained high with actions. The Committee asked if there was anything further that could be done to alleviate those risks. In response, the Chief Internal Auditor said that the risks were an accurate reflection of the position at the time. The Chief Internal Auditor noted that it was important to focus on the actions which would have the most value in terms of reducing risks and highlighted that the Internal Audit Annual Assurance report would provide assurance to the Committee that those actions had been undertaken and had been effective.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the high-level summary of the strategic risk register presented at section 4.1, and;
- (2) noted the detailed risk register.