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**REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT, PERFORMANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE ON 24 NOVEMBER 2022**

**SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION- COMPLETED PROJECTS REPORT**

**BY: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 To provide an update on audit work completed since the last meeting of the Committee.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 The Audit, Performance and Risk Committee is asked to consider and note this audit update.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require the Chief Internal Auditor to prepare and present reports to the committee on internal audit's activity relative to the audit plan and any other relevant matters.

3.3 In line with the approved internal audit plan, the following reviews were completed:

**4. INTERNAL AUDIT- COMPLETED PROJECTS**

**Cyber Security**

4.1 Cyber Security concerns the protection of computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from malicious attacks. Cyber security controls are designed to combat threats against networked systems and applications, whether those threats originate from inside or outside an organisation. The Scottish Government in 2020 issued a Cyber Resilience Framework to all Local Authorities. The Framework includes a self-assessment tool to assist Local Authorities in improving their cyber resilience and compliance with a range of legislative, regulatory, policy and audit requirements regarding cyber security. The audit programme was developed from this Cyber Resilience Framework and other good practice guidelines. The impact of a successful cyber attack would immediately affect how services can be delivered on a day to day basis. The executive summary and recommendations for this project are given in **Appendix 1**.

- Social Care and CareFirst System Information Governance Review**
- 4.2 An audit has been undertaken into how information relating to social care service users is recorded, accessed and kept up to date. The Council uses a system known as CareFirst to record and manage social care cases for both adult and children's services. CareFirst is a long standing widely used application within the public sector for recording social care data. Most of the service user data is available on CareFirst, with some data retained separately either on a Council server or in paper files.
- 4.3 The scope of this review considered the findings and recommendations from an audit undertaken of the CareFirst System within the 2017/18 Audit Plan. The audit also reviewed the management arrangements for reviewing case files and access controls of who can view, add, amend or delete information, recognising that restricted access has to be balanced with a need for prompt availability of information for those employees who require it for the effective delivery of services. The executive summary and recommendations for this project are given in **Appendix 2**.

## **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan "Moray Partners in Care 2019 – 2029"**

Internal audit work supports good governance and assists in securing appropriate systems of internal control.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The internal audit service is provided in terms of paragraph 7:1 of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and there is a requirement to provide a service in accordance with published Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

**(c) Financial Implications**

No implications directly arising from this report.

**(d) Risk Implications**

Audit reports highlight risk implications and contain recommendations for management to address as a means of mitigating.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

No implications directly arising from this report

**(f) Property**

No implications.

**(g) Equalities/ Socio Economic Impacts**

No implications.

**(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts**

None directly arising from this report.

**(i) Directions**

None arising from this report.

**(j) Consultations**

There have been no direct consultations during the preparation of this report.

**6. CONCLUSION**

**6.1 This report provides Committee with a summary of findings arising from audit projects completed during the review period.**

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