Cyber Resilience

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the Cyber Resilience project.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Reports were brought to previous meetings of the Performance & Audit Committee and Partnership Board detailing the requirements of the Scottish Government (SG) Cyber Security Public Sector Action Plan.

2.2 One of the key actions required was to carry out an initial pre-assessment to determine the cyber security posture of the Partnership by March 2018, and to carry out the remedial actions required to attain Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials PLUS accreditation by October 2018.

3. PROGRESS

3.1 SG awarded SEStran a grant award of £1000 for the completion of the cyber essentials pre-assessment. Three approved suppliers were approached and quotations obtained and the successful company, Quorum Cyber Security Ltd were chosen to undertake the pre-assessment.

3.2 The first objective was to define an acceptable scope for accreditation, the second, was to complete a mock audit of the defined scope to ascertain any control gaps and identify the remediation activities required to achieve accreditation.

3.3 The mock audit was conducted on 21st March 2018 and the outcome signified that SEStran is in an excellent position to gain Cyber Essentials certification, with very little remedial work required. In almost all areas, appropriate controls are in place and the organisation's approach to cyber security is appropriate to the risks being faced.

4. ACCREDITATION LEVEL

4.1 Quorum Security have recommended that the Partnership pursues Cyber Essentials PLUS, which is the level of accreditation recommended by SG. This level requires testing/assessment of the IT provisions, rather than being awarded by means of a self-assessment questionnaire and provides a higher level assurance.

4.2 The cost of pursing Cyber Essentials PLUS is £2200 and can be contained within this year's budget.

5.   RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1   The Committee are asked to approve that Cyber Essentials PLUS accreditation is pursued, and;

5.2   Note that the final assessment and accreditation will be completed by October 2018.

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Policy Implications	None
Financial Implications	None
Equalities Implications	None
Climate Change Implications	None