Cyber Essentials

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   This purpose of this report is to provide the Board 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.

3.   PROGRESS

3.1   Following pre-assessment last March, Cyber Essentials was awarded in January 2019. This was followed by an independent audit of SEStran's IT systems and the higher-level accreditation of Cyber Essentials PLUS was achieved February 2019.

3.2   This award demonstrates that SEStran has the appropriate controls in place and has adopted best practice in information security.

4.   RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1   The Board are asked to note the contents of this report.

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