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## **APPENDIX 1**

Dear Robert,

### **ASSURANCES PROVIDED BY PERTH & KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board (IJB) took on responsibility for the commissioning of delegated services in the line with its Strategic Commissioning Plan from 1 April 2016. The IJB has an Audit & Performance Committee with devolved responsibility for Governance issues including assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of systems of internal control. The assurance as to the effectiveness of the governance framework and systems of internal control is provided by the IJB's Annual Governance Statement which was discussed and approved for inclusion in the Unaudited Annual Accounts for 2019/20 at the meeting of the IJB's Audit and Performance Committee on 22 June 2020.

The Annual Governance Statement was audited in the preparation of the Annual Audit Report of the IJB by the IJB's External Auditors, KPMG. As part of this external audit KPMG have summarised that 'The IJB has effective scrutiny and governance arrangements, supported by joint internal audit staff from both partners, and with adequate focus on risk management. The IJB conducts its business in an open and transparent manner.'

As Chair of the Audit Committee, taking into account the work undertaken by the Audit and Performance Committee in the year 2019/20, I can confirm that adequate and effective governance arrangements were in place throughout Perth & Kinross IJB during the year 2019/20.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Callum Purves**  
**Chairperson**  
**On behalf of Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board Audit & Performance Committee**

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