

## BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

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| <b>Presented for:</b>             | Information/Escalation                                |
| <b>Committee Name:</b>            | Finance and Digital Committee                         |
| <b>Presented by:</b>              | Ray Harding, Non-Executive Director (Committee Chair) |
| <b>Date of Committee Meeting:</b> | 28 March 2022   |

### Items received by the committee for assurance:

| Agenda Item        | Level of Assurance    | Board Action Required?<br><small>(double click to select)</small> |
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| Finance Report     | Substantial Assurance | X   |
| CIP Programme      | Substantial Assurance |   |
| Financial Planning | Reasonable Assurance  |   |
| Capital programme  | Reasonable Assurance  |   |
| Digital Report     | Reasonable Assurance  |   |
| IMO Report         | Reasonable Assurance  |   |
| Procurement Report | Reasonable Assurance  |   |

#### POINTS OF ESCALATION

- The Finance Planning Process was reviewed. The preliminary submission of a break-even position for next year had been approved at an Extraordinary Board, because of the submission timetable, and was supported at this Finance and Digital Committee. An efficiency target of 4.5% will be required next year.

#### KEY ISSUES

- Month 11 Financial report was reviewed, showing monthly performance of break-even, in line with the revised Plan. The Full Year position was expected to be in line with, or better than the budget of £1million surplus.
- Working Capital was reviewed, in particular the performance against the Better Practice Payment Code targets which were exceeded in both number and value (except for NHS payables which are slightly below at 91.7%).
- The CIP Programme was reviewed: £10.2m had now been identified compared to the target of £10.1m for the year. £9.3m had been achieved at M11.
- The Capital Plan - RAAC expenditure is ringfenced, but there remains a risk to spending the remainder of the Capital Plan, due to supply chains lengthening and Digital lead times.
- The periodic Procurement Report was received and the System work with the ICS noted.
- The M11 Digital Report - there is a continued move away from unsupported operating systems.

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| <p><b>BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK &amp; RISKS</b></p>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMO – Information Governance Training is below the NHS Digital target of 95%, at 85%, and this is subject to major focus in conjunction with the CPO and the relevant Divisions.</li> <li>• The Committee approved an Investment Proposal for the renewal for the Allocate Healthroster system for 2+1 years at a cost of £809k. The Committee would also support an alternative option of a 5 year contract totalling £1.3m and would recommend that to the Board for approval should it be required.</li> </ul> |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Theatres Redevelopment at Hinchingsbrooke may be subject to increased costs, possibly to the extent of £1.6m, due to material inflation. This would have effect of consuming some of next year’s capital allocation.</li> <li>• The Shared Care Records project is being pursued in conjunction with our system partners; this is delayed and the Trust are ready to engage with Orion Health as soon as we receive the go-ahead.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING PRACTICE &amp; INNOVATION</b></p> |  |

**LEVELS OF ASSURANCE**

| <b>Level</b>          | <b>Description of Level of Assurance</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Substantial Assurance | The report highlighted a sound system of control, designed to address the relevant risks with controls being consistently applied. Highly unlikely to impair the achievement of both system and strategic objectives. |
| Reasonable Assurance  | The report did not highlight any material weaknesses in the system of internal control that would present material risks to the achievement of both system and strategic objectives.                                  |
| Partial Assurance     | The report highlighted some material weaknesses in the system of internal control that would present material risks to the achievement of system objectives. May also impair achievement of strategic objectives.     |
| Limited Assurance     | The report highlighted significant material weaknesses in the system of internal control that would present material risks to the achievement of both system and strategic objectives.                                |