

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

Presented for:	Information/Escalation
Committee Name:	Finance and Digital Committee
Presented by:	Ray Harding, Non-Executive Director (Committee Chair)
Date of Committee Meeting:	27 May 2022
Governor Observer	Lori Tudose

Items received by the committee for assurance:

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

POINTS OF ESCALATION

- The Committee received an update on the Financial Planning for the current year, following a response to NWAFT's and the ICS system's last submission, from NHSE. This recognised the change in assumptions regarding Inflation and Covid Activity, but indicated funding for only part of those effects. The Committee noted that the existing Budget (previous submission) was already stretching, with half the record CIP target not yet defined at the end of May. A desire to comply with the ambition requested was expressed although it was not clear how that could be done, and that it may require ICS support/reallocation. As the deadline for any revision is before the next FDC, the matter would have to go direct to Board for decision with no recommendation from the FDC, as the proposal was yet to be developed – and negotiated with the ICS.
- The Committee recommended to the Board for approval the 2022/23 RAAC Business Case describing the programme for the allocated £20m funding.

KEY ISSUES

- Month 1 Financial report was reviewed: the deficit was £1.5m, in line with budget. The Divisions' total expenditure was adverse to budget by £2.6m, particularly relating to Agency and Bank costs; this is being addressed with Divisions. It is offset by Corporate savings and income.
- The CIP Programme was reviewed: £9.4m of this year's target of £17.8m had been planned at the end of M1.
- IMO – there were some FOI and SAR requests which had not been responded to within the time limit – further detail was requested.
- The Committee approved the Estates Capital programme of £900k. It noted that the estimate of the Long Term Maintenance Backlog had risen to £52m.

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- An update on Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Theatres Capital Project was received. There have been delays with the contractor and risks to spending the relevant capital this year, with a potential consequence of losing some funding. The Committee was assured that all steps are being taken to mitigate this.

LEVELS OF ASSURANCE

Level	Description of Level of Assurance
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.