

Proposal by Councillor Claire Miller

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Item 6.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy

In addition to the recommendations in the report asks the board to consider agreeing the following additional points

Balancing the budget

- c) The board agrees to engage proactively with funding partners throughout the budget-setting period regarding funding contributions, noting that the objective of a balanced budget can be achieved through a combination of both cost savings and increased funding for services
- d) Asks the Chair and/or Chief Officer as appropriate to liaise with COSLA regarding distribution of contract uplift monies to ideally achieve full funding for the living wage in Edinburgh
- e) Asks the Chair to correspond with Scottish Government ministers in advance of 19th December (Scottish Government draft budget publication) to outline the likely impact to recipients of health & social care services across Edinburgh with current funding limitations

Whole system budgeting

- f) Notes that while vacancies are predicted to continue, and this provides an element of offset to the financial challenges, that recruitment to reduce vacancies can also contribute to meeting the growth in service demand
- g) Notes that reductions to spending on health & social care services may result in costs to other public sector or third sector services, and therefore asks that all proposals developed through the 'star chamber' process consider where effects are likely to emerge, either within or outwith EIJB services, to enable early internal and cross-sector liaison and informed decision making by the board
- h) Welcomes the development of 3 year financial projections, providing the board with a more strategic view of the challenge, and invites officers to consider medium-term / multi-year initiatives during the process for developing savings

Equalities

- i) Notes the process for developing savings must be fully integrated with assessment of equalities impacts, which is not currently detailed within the approach, and that late



impact assessments held back budget decisions in 2023, therefore asks that officers document how this will be incorporated into the approach and inform the board as impact information becomes available

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