

Proposal by Cllr Claire Miller

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

Monday 18 March 2024

Item 7.2 Savings and Recovery Programme 2024/25

In addition to the recommendations by officers in the report, the Board is also asked to consider agreeing the following further points:

Financial sustainability

4. Thanks officers for responding to the Board's request to set a balanced budget and the hard work to identify savings in a context of funding pressures

Budget development and governance

5. Notes there is a single suite of proposals, inviting questions on how governance and budgeting can be further improved to ensure the Board can consider alternative options
6. Notes all new savings (proposals 16-24) relate to social care services and no savings are proposed to any health services directed by the Board
7. Invites officers to continue their work to improve the budget development process, with an aim of
 - a. bringing options to the Board in future years and
 - b. looking across the range of services directed by the Board to identify possible savings proposals

Risk

8. Notes that by accepting and implementing the savings proposed, the risk of being unable to deliver services within budget will decrease, but the risk of being unable to deliver services as per strategic objectives may increase
9. Asks the Audit and Assurance Committee to monitor the overall balance of risk from financial to operational delivery or service quality so that the Board can be informed of any trends as they emerge

Equalities

10. Notes the benefit of impact assessment when it enables informed decision-making about relative impact, and welcomes improvements from officers to these processes
11. Notes the savings proposals which are deemed 'grip and control' (proposals 1-8) are being presented for the Board's information only and have a different equalities impact treatment, however these proposals contain significant changes and the equalities impacts arising from these changes would benefit from greater analysis
12. Invites the Scottish Women's Budget Group to review current methods and to utilise their intersectional expertise to provide recommendations to continue improving our equalities impact analysis
13. Notes a common theme across the savings of a shift from public sector entitlement and provision, and an increased reliance on private and third sector provision, which has a systemic impact on communities and workforce
14. Asks the Strategic Planning Group to give consideration to incorporating fair work principles within the forthcoming strategic plan, in particular considering issues such as pay, terms and conditions within the private and third sectors where they form an integral part of Edinburgh's health & social care landscape

Communications

15. Notes and thanks officers for the engagement with people, groups and providers affected by the savings proposals, and asks that communications and engagement continue with an emphasis on providing clear and transparent messages with particular focus on ensuring those most affected are fully informed

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