

Proposal by Cllr Claire Miller

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

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Item 7.3 Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy

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

Strategic plan

- f) Notes that the delegated budgets proposed for the current financial year are equal to the budget offers received from both partners, despite the funds losing their identity when combined within the Board's budget. Welcomes the commitment in the report to finalising the MTFS to fully align with the upcoming strategic plan during 2024, and anticipates that this will provide scope for increased integration of funding and spending over the three year period.
- g) Notes that saving 21 'Balancing the Care Home Estate' in report 7.2 provides the Board with an opportunity to work with the Council to develop capital plans for the buildings/estates affected, and notes the Council's Finance & Resources Committee agreed on 14/03/24 that "consideration [be] given to a capital strategy for health and social care within the review being carried out as part of the 2025-6 budget process". Therefore asks that the Strategic Planning Group bring consideration of future uses of these sites by the EHSCP into the strategic plan in collaboration with the Council.

Funding

- h) Thanks NHS Lothian for its continued commitment regarding costs associated with set aside services. However notes that set aside services sit within the Board's strategic plan and budget, therefore asks the Chief Finance Officer to liaise with NHS Lothian to agree inclusion of the additional £7m as part of their funding contribution, taking the total from an indicative £504m to £511m, and eliminating this element of the Board's financial risk.
- i) Notes the Council agreed on 22/02/24 "that any additional consequentials should be passed on to the IJB in full, with request for match funding from the NHS", expresses thanks to the Council for this budget decision, and asks that the Chief Finance Officer consider how any additional funding as a result of this decision may be used to meet the Scottish Living Wage uplift in full.

Governance

- j) Notes the “brokerage” proposal from funding partners (paragraph 56), expresses concern that the Scheme of Integration does not make provision for such an arrangement, and asks that the Chief Finance Officer continue discussions with the partners to resolve this within the agreed governance.

- k) Notes the references to tripartite meetings with the funding partners and thanks officers for their work during these negotiations. In the context of the budget challenges faced by all three organisations in coming years, the Board asks the Chief Officer to develop processes to involve members more fully in preparing for budget negotiations and regularly updating members throughout the process.

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