

IJB40. Finance Report

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer providing a summary of the financial position for the six-month period ended 30 September 2021, including the projected forecast outturn for the year.

The report detailed a net overspend of £0.398m at 30 September 2021. This overspend was primarily the result of ongoing pressure within set aside and primary care services. This position represented a significant improvement compared to previous reports to the Board. The adverse year to date position is expected to be recovered by 31 March 2022, and therefore a breakeven was forecast for the year.

The key issues relating to performance for the year to date included:-

- Large hospital services;
- Primary healthcare services;
- Community healthcare services; and
- Social care services.

A recurring savings target of £6.091m was identified for financial year 2021-22 (comprising of £4.656m relating to the integrated budget and £1.435m pertaining to set aside).

The additional costs associated with the covid 19 pandemic submitted to the Scottish Government for 2021 - 22 were estimated at £9.311m (an increase of £1.383m compared to the estimate previously reported). This related to ongoing expenditure in relation to PPE, financial sustainability support for external Social Care Providers and independent Primary Care Contractors infection prevention and control expenses and increased costs to cover staff absence due to covid staff sickness and self-isolation requirements. The Board's covid reserves would be utilised in the first instance to meet these costs before any additional funding were sought from the Scottish Government. The available covid reserve balance amounted to £6.397m.

The current forecast projection suggested a net overspend of £0.576m by 31 March 2022 (comprising a £0.755m overspend against the set aside budget offset by an underspend of £0.179m against the integrated budget).

Decision

The Integration Joint Board:-

- (1) noted the overspend of £0.398m for the year to date as reported at 30 September 2021;**
- (2) noted that a breakeven position was expected to be achieved at 31 March 2022, and**
- (3) agreed to approve the breakdown of the payments to Falkirk Council and NHS Forth Valley related to the Directions summary as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.**