

## **IJB7. 2021/22 Draft Financial Outturn**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer which provided an overview of the draft financial results for 2021-22 (subject to audit). An underspend of £1.187m was reported for 2021-22 against core operational service areas under the integrated budget. An overspend of £0.700m had been reported against the set aside budget.

Closing reserve balances for 2021-22 had been expected to be in the region of £37.891m (an increase of £19.891m compared to the closing position reported in the previous year). This reflected a significant number of new allocations that had been received late in the financial year (which included additional unanticipated Covid funding) and delays in planned expenditure in relation to a number of projects funded through earmarked reserves.

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

- Large Hospital Services;
- Primary Healthcare Services;
- Social Care services, and,
- Community HealthCare Services.

Covid financial returns had continued to be submitted to the Scottish Government on a quarterly basis during 2021-22 to capture the additional costs associated with the pandemic. Total costs of £6.528m were incurred in year and this had been funded in full via the existing covid earmarked reserve. Key areas of expenditure related to the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), financial support for external Social Care Providers and independent Primary Care Contractors, additional costs associated with enhanced infection prevention and control measures and temporary workforce costs to cover staff absence due to sickness, shielding or self-isolation requirements.

As reported at the March 2022 meeting, £15.536m of additional and unanticipated covid funding had been allocated in late February 2022. The Scottish Government stipulated that if this funding had not been fully utilised by 31 March 2022, it must be carried forward through an earmarked Covid reserve "for use by NHS Boards and the IJB" in 2022/23. £1.018m was spent in year, with the balance of £14.518m transferred to reserves.

The Scottish Government had advised that there was no additional Covid consequential funding agreed with HM Treasury for 2022/23 and therefore IJB's planned on the basis that no further Covid funding was to be issued going forward. Covid reserves were therefore required to be used in the first instance to meet all ongoing Covid related costs during 2022/23 (costs for 2022/23 are currently estimated at £7.467m).

### **Decision**

#### **The Integration Joint Board:-**

- (1) noted the draft outturn for 2021/22, and;

- (2) noted that the unaudited accounts will be considered by the Audit Committee on 17 June 2022.**