

### Summary for Trust Board members

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Finance and Investment Committee – Committee Chair’s Report</b>
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<b>Reporting Committee:</b>	<b>Finance and Investment Committee (FIC)</b>
<b>Chaired by:</b>	Steve Harris – Non-Executive Director
<b>Lead Executive Director(s):</b>	Richard Mitchell Chief Executive, Lorraine Hooper Chief Financial Officer, Jon Melbourne, Chief Operating Officer
<b>Date of FIC:</b>	24 February 2022

#### Summary of key public matters considered by the Committee:

This report provides a summary of the key public issues considered by the Finance and Investment Committee on 24 February 2022 (*involving Mr S Harris Non-Executive Director [FIC Chair]; Miss M Durbridge Director of Quality Transformation Efficiency and Improvement; Ms L Hooper Chief Financial Officer; Mr J Melbourne Chief Operating Officer; Mr B Patel Non-Executive Director; Mr J Shuter Director of Operational Finance; Mr M Williams Non-Executive Director, and Mr J Worrall Associate Non-Executive Director*). Full Minutes will be submitted to the March 2022 FIC and next public Trust Board thereafter.

- **ICS finance update** – FIC received and noted the month 9 ICS finance report for 2021/22, noting that the month 10 position had been discussed at the 23 February 2022 system finance meeting. Although welcoming this new standing agenda item for FIC meetings, the FIC Non-Executive Director Chair queried the scope to make the report shorter.
- **2021/22 month 10 financial performance** – the Trust was reporting a month 10 deficit of £2.1m, which was a £4.5m favourable variance to forecast. The drivers of the variance were shown in the bridge chart within the month 10 report, and included (eg) lower than expected ERF and winter spend, reduced pay and agency spend, agreement of balances, and reduced depreciation. The Trust’s full year forecast was now a £3m surplus position based on assumption re: System level funding of elective recovery and winter schemes. The Trust’s cash position remained strong, as per previous months. It was confirmed that NHSE/I was sighted to the current forecast position.
- **2021/22 month 10 capital plan update** – actual year to date capital expenditure was £37.5m as at month 10, representing an underspend of £2.5m against plan. The capital subgroup leads continued their close monitoring of expenditure for the remaining months of 2021/22, and had provided assurance that the capital programme would be delivered. A number of additional capital investments for 2021/22 were also now outlined to FIC. The Chief Financial Officer provided assurance that work was in progress to improve the granularity of capital reporting to FIC, noting also comments from Mr M Williams Non-Executive Director on the key need to progress capital planning as early as possible in the year. The FIC Non-Executive Director Chair considered that FIC was more assured than previously by the work outlined in the month 10 capital update.
- **Transformation and CIP update: 2021/22 position and 2022/23 planning** – the 2021/22 month 10 CIP position had improved further in both productivity/efficiency and cash-releasing terms, although the recurrent/non-recurrent split continued to need further work. The transformation team intended to undertake a lookback at the 2021/22 schemes and identify those which had also actively enhanced quality. National planning had been received and was now being reviewed in respect of UHL’s 2022/23 CIP planning. Further detail on the Trust’s 2022/23 CIP plan would be provided to the next FIC.
- **Roadmap to sustainable financial recovery** – FIC took assurance from the continued good progress evidenced in the roadmap.
- **Medium term financial plan (MTFP)** – the Chief Financial Officer briefed FIC on the 3 phases to the MTFP: 2022/23; the next 3 years, and then beyond 2027. A timetable for that work would be presented to the next FIC, and the FIC Non-Executive Director Chair emphasised the need for appropriate governance and sign-off routes.
- **Executive Finance and Performance Board** – FIC received and noted the Executive Finance and Performance Board (EFPB) actions from 25 January 2022, and the agenda for the EFPB meeting on 22 February 2022.

#### Public matters requiring Trust Board consideration and/or approval:

**Recommendations for approval**

- none

**Items highlighted to the Trust Board for information**

- none

**Public matters referred to other Committees:**

- None

<b>Date of next FIC meeting:</b>	31 March 2022
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