



Enw y Grŵp/Is-Bwyllgor: Name of Group:	Finance Touchpoint Meeting
Cadeirydd y Grŵp/Is-Bwyllgor: Chair of Group:	Mr Huw Thomas, Director of Finance Mr Winston Weir, Independent Member and Chair of Sustainable Resources Committee
Cyfnod Adrodd: Reporting Period:	23rd November 2021

Y Penderfyniadau a'r Materion a Ystyriodd y Grŵp/Is-Bwyllgor: Key Decisions and Matters Considered by the Group:

The following items were discussed at the Finance Touchpoint Meeting held on 23rd November 2021:

Financial Update

- Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) undertook a Mid-Year Review with Welsh Government (WG) and the Finance Delivery Unit (FDU). Mr Huw Thomas commented that it had been a very positive meeting with no major issues highlighted, with the exception of the risk to the Health Board's underlying position going into future years. The Assistant Director of Finance will present a report to the Sustainable Resources Committee (SRC) in December 2021.
- Mr Thomas recognised the challenge of returning £10m underspend, the concern regarding savings going into next year, and the challenge facing the Health Board to manage and deliver services at a number of sites.
- Mr Thomas reflected that the current concern from WG is in relation to planning and delivery. However, the Director of Strategic Development and Operational Planning will address the provision of planning assurance. The Financial Delivery Unit Mid-Year Review was received. Mr Thomas advised that a response to WG will be provided via an Accountable Officer letter from the Health Board's Chief Executive.
- With regard to possible further invest to save initiatives, Mr Thomas advised that the challenge is in the supply chain and procurement process.
- The issue of annual leave provision and ensuring the well-being of staff was raised.
- Mr Thomas confirmed that HDdUHB will be returning £4.2m of capital to WG. However, the Health Board will receive £16m from WG to be allocated to demountables in Prince Philip Hospital (PPH).

Recovery Funding

- The issues in terms of workforce vacancies, and whether there are non-recurrent opportunities to attract more workforce and any opportunities for spend to save sustainability initiatives, was discussed. Mr Thomas confirmed that these are required to be capital in nature. Solar panels are being installed at Withybush General Hospital and the St David's Park site, however these are affected by supply chain issues.
- The use of charitable funds and their implications was discussed.
- Concern was raised regarding the risk of underspend on recovery due to people not taking up places on the waiting list when offered.

Month 7 Review

- Mr Thomas confirmed that the Health Board will achieve the £16.1m non-recurrent savings and £4m of recurrent savings. Mr Thomas advised that NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) has agreed to increase investment into the procurement team, which should identify savings. There is still

work in progress regarding the roadmap to financial recovery. The Value Based Healthcare team are also identifying savings and there is work being undertaken with regard to technical efficiency.

- It was agreed to present a future savings plan to the Committee with effect from February 2022.
- Mr Spratt confirmed to Mr M Davies that savings are being identified from the plans received by the Executive Director of Strategic Development and Operational Planning.
- Mr Thomas undertook to discuss with the Executive Director of Strategic Development & Operational Planning regarding growing the estate when hybrid working is in place (Glien House), whilst recognising the need for better office and to relocate office teams from acute sites.

AOB

The following Business Cases are due to be presented to Board:

- Electronic Document Management System;
- Infusion Pumps;
- Equipment Replacement;
- Agile Working Consultancy;
- Cyber Security;
- Telephony Modernisation;
- Extension of Lightfoot to 31st July 2022;
- Overseas Recruitment/Workforce Development

Materion y Mae Angen Ystyriaeth neu Gymeradwyaeth Lefel y Pwyllgor Adnoddau Cynaliadwy:

Matters Requiring Sustainable Resources Committee Level Consideration or Approval:

No matters requiring Committee consideration or approval.

Risgiau Allweddol a Materion Pryder:

Key Risks and Issues / Matters of Concern:

Risks will be considered at the Sustainable Resources Committee at its meeting on 21st December 2021.

Busnes Cynlluniedig y Grŵp/Is-Bwyllgor ar Gyfer y Cyfnod Adrodd Nesaf:

Planned Group/Sub-Committee Business for the Next Reporting Period:

Adrodd yn y Dyfodol:

Future Reporting:

To be determined following the Sustainable Resources Committee meeting to be held on 21st December 2021.

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf:

Date of Next Meeting:

25th January 2022, 9am.