

<b>Title</b>	Finance & Investment Group Highlight Report
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<b>Report for</b>	Wirral Place Based Partnership Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Report Purpose and Recommendations

The purpose of this report is to provide the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board with an update on the work of the Finance and Investment Group (FIG).

It is recommended that the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board notes the work of the Finance and Investment Group and continues to receive updates as a standing agenda item.

### Key Risks

The report relates to the following key risks identified in the Place Delivery Assurance Framework to be presented to the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

- *PDAF 1 Service Delivery:* Wirral system partners are unable to deliver the priority programmes within the Wirral Health and Care Plan which will result in poorer outcomes and greater inequalities for our population.
- *PDAF 3 Collaboration:* Leaders and organisations in the Wirral health and care system may not work together effectively to improve population health and healthcare.
- *PDAF 5 Finance:* Financial pressures in the Wirral health and care system could impact on the quality of care and patient experience.
- *PDAF 6 Community Wealth Building:* The focus on responding to current service priorities and demands diverts resource and attention from delivery of longer-term initiatives in our strategies that support the broader social and economic development of the borough.

### Governance journey

Date	Forum	Report Title	Purpose/Decision
29 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Finance and Investment Group	Financial Planning Meeting	Meeting held and work progressed.

<b>1</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1.1	NHS Cheshire and Merseyside is working with each of the nine Places in the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System (ICS) to establish robust governance and assurance mechanisms through strong partnership arrangements. The Wirral Place Based Partnership Board (WPBPB) is the forum where NHS Cheshire and Merseyside will conduct business pertaining to the Borough transparently in the public domain and in collaboration with system partners. These arrangements will also support further delegation of decision making and resources to each Borough.

1.1.2	The Finance and Investment Group (FIG) has been established to develop and review Wirral place strategic and operational plans to deliver national, Cheshire and Merseyside and local priorities. The Group will ensure that these plans secure continuous improvement, with a focus on health inequalities, and are delivered within financial allocations. The Group will receive assurance on the delivery of financial plans and associated work programmes to ensure that they are aligned with strategic and operational plans to enable their delivery.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Finance and Investment Group Meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
1.2.1	<p><i>2024/25 Draft Financial Plan Update</i></p> <p>The members of the Group noted the information provided which set out the updated draft financial plan for the Wirral Health and Care system which had also been discussed in the Wirral Planning workshop held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The Group noted several risks and challenges to the delivery of the plan which will be monitored during the financial year.</p>
1.2.2	<p><i>Savings / Quality Innovation Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) / Cost Improvement Plan (CIP) plan update</i></p> <p>The members of the Group provided an update on progress in delivering the savings targets following the Month 1 financial reports. It was noted that some proposed savings had not been delivered during the month which will increase pressure on delivery for the remainder of the financial year.</p>
1.2.3	<p><i>Wirral Review intelligence pack and NHS England (NHSE) productivity pack</i></p> <p>The group were joined by a representative from the Value Circle to discuss the information that the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Business Intelligence Team had collated to support the review. The Group had a detailed discussion regarding the information that had been provided and agreed it gave a useful overview of the situation in Wirral. The Group also identified several areas to follow up.</p> <p>The Group noted the NHSE productivity pack that had been included in the papers and outlined that it would be useful to meet with the authors to discuss some of the information provided in more detail.</p>

<b>2</b>	<b>Implications</b>
2.1	<p><i>Risk Mitigation and Assurance</i></p> <p>The work taken through the Finance and Investment Group provides controls for and support assurance of the management of the strategic risks PDAF 1, PDAF 3, PDAF 5 and PDAF 6. Specific financial risks relating to the delivery of organisational and wider system plans are evaluated and reported to the group.</p>
2.2	<p><i>Financial</i></p> <p>There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.</p>
2.3	<p><i>Legal and regulatory</i></p> <p>There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.</p>

2.4	<p><i>Resources</i></p> <p>Wirral Council are supporting the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board and, when required, the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside will support the remaining governance and assurance infrastructure.</p>
2.5	<p><i>Engagement and consultation</i></p> <p>Engagement with system partners has taken place in the development of the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Investment Group. This is a group that has been agreed as part of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's governance for Wirral. The Strategy and Transformation Group has a membership that includes partner organisations and representation from the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector.</p>
2.6	<p><i>Equality</i></p> <p>Wirral Council and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside have a legal requirement to make sure their policies, and the way they carry out their work, do not discriminate against anyone. The business of these groups will be conducted with an awareness of the general duty requirements and place equality considerations. No Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for this report, although impact assessments will be required for any service changes discussed through the Finance and Investment Group.</p>
2.7	<p><i>Environment and Climate</i></p> <p>Wirral Council and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside are committed to carrying out their work in an environmentally responsible manner, these principles will be followed by the Finance and Investment Group.</p>
2.8	<p><i>Community Wealth Building</i></p> <p>Community Wealth Building in Wirral focusses on partnerships and collaboration. These partnerships are led by Wirral Council with external partners and stakeholders, including residents. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside will support the Council in community wealth building by ensuring health and care organisations in the borough have a focus on reducing health inequalities and contribute to the development of a resilient and inclusive economy for Wirral. The Finance and Investment Group will ensure that these principles are incorporated into its operations.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
3.1	It is recommended that the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board notes the work of the Finance and Investment Group and continues to receive updates as a standing agenda item.

<b>4</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	There are no appendices to this report.

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