

WIRRAL PLACE BASED PARTNERSHIP BOARD**22nd JUNE 2023**

REPORT TITLE:	FINANCE, INVESTMENT & RESOURCE GROUP HIGHLIGHT REPORT
REPORT OF:	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (WIRRAL PLACE), NHS CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE

REPORT SUMMARY

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.

The WPBPB is supported by four key governance and assurance groups. This paper presents the key issues from the Finance, Investment and Resource Group.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board notes the key issues report of the Finance, Investment and Resource Group.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The Finance, Investment and Resource Group has been established to develop and review financial reporting across Wirral Place to ensure that there is a focus upon deploying our resources wisely so that they contribute effectively to the health and wellbeing of our population.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered as it has been agreed that this group is required as part of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's governance and assurance arrangements in Wirral.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Since the last report to the Place Based Partnership Board the Finance, Investment and Resource Group has met on two occasions. This report covers the meetings held on 27th April and 24th May 2023. The attached appendix includes the key issues report discussed on 27th April and confirmed on 24th May.
- 3.2 The meeting held on 24 May 2023 considered the following items of business.
- 3.2.1 **Pooled fund – Month 1 report, Financial Year 2023/24:** The group noted that no report was available due to the requirements of all partner organisations to finalise and submit their 2022/23 Annual Accounts to auditors. The Month 2 report will be considered in the June meeting.
- 3.2.2 **Effective Use of Resources Workstream:** The group noted that this workstream is required as part of the governance to support the development of the Wirral Health and Care Plan. All partners agreed to send a representative to any meetings required whilst the Associate Director of Finance (Wirral Place) will review the Terms of Reference to ensure consistency and to avoid any duplication.
- 3.2.5 **Risk-Share agreement covering partner organisations:** The Group reviewed the previous risk-share agreement in place which covers partner organisations for the financial year 2022/23. The Associate Director of Finance (Wirral Place) agreed to review the document and provide recommendations for update to the next meeting in June.
- 3.2.6 **Wirral System overall financial position:** It was noted that the first report for 2023/24 Financial Year will be received by the group in the June meeting.
- 3.2.7 **Cerner Health Information Exchange and Population Health update:** The group received an update from the Chief Finance Officer of Wirral University Teaching Hospital outlining the proposed next steps in relation to the Cerner contract which covers all partner organisations in Wirral.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 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.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 NHS Cheshire and Merseyside is developing a risk management and assurance framework, which will include Place.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Engagement with system partners has taken place in the development of the Terms of Reference for the Finance, Investment and Resources Group. This is a group that has been agreed as part of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's governance for Wirral. The Finance, Investment and Resources Group has a membership that includes Healthwatch Wirral and representation from the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 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 proposed through the Finance, Investment and Resources Group.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 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, Investment and Resources Group.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 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, Investment and Resources Group will take account of this in their work.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Wirral Place Finance, Investment and Resource Group, Key Issues report from meeting held on 27th April 2023

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Papers brought to the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board meetings on 13th October 2022, 8th December 2022 and 9th February 2023 provide background information on the groups and how they align to the Board.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral Place Based Partnership Board	13 th October 2022 8 th December 2022 9 th February 2023 9 th March 2023