

**WIRRAL PLACE BASED PARTNERSHIP BOARD****27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>FINANCE, INVESTMENT &amp; RESOURCE GROUP HIGHLIGHT REPORT</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (WIRRAL PLACE), NHS CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE</b>

**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 content of the report from the Finance, Investment and Resources 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 once on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 3.2 The meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 took the form of a single item agenda in which organisations provided details in relation to savings plans for the 2023/24 Financial Year.
- 3.2.1 The group received updates from the following organisations in terms of their proposed savings plans,
- Cheshire & Merseyside ICB (Wirral Place)
  - Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Trust (WUTH)
  - Wirral Community and Healthcare Trust (WCT)
  - Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust (CWP)
- 3.2.2 The members present in the group reviewed each presentation to determine whether the proposed savings plans had an impact on other organisation plans. The members of the group also discussed how the plans could be consolidated to develop an overall Wirral system savings plan.
- 3.2.3 Further work was identified to understand the impact of Wirral MBC's savings plans on partners and for CWP to do further work to isolate the impact on Wirral services, noting that the plan presented included schemes in place for the whole trust.

### **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

None

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wirral Place Based Partnership Board	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023