

West Lothian Integration Joint Board

Date: 16th February 2016

Agenda Item:

Blackburn Partnership Centre: Part of NHS Lothian Partnership Centre Bundle

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A PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Integrated Joint Board on the status of the Blackburn Partnership Centre, one of three schemes to be delivered through the Hub NHS Lothian Partnership Centre Bundle.

B RECOMMENDATION

The Integrated Joint Board is recommended to:

- Support, as commissioner of the services to be provided from the Partnership Centre, the delivery of this project in accordance with the West Lothian IJB Draft Strategic Plan;
- note the intention to progress to Financial Close by 31st March 2016;
- note the pre-approval of the updated costs by the Scottish Government following changes to the Hub contractual structure; and
- note the additional revenue cost as a result of this project.

C TERMS OF REPORT

The Blackburn Partnership Centre is a facility in the town centre that will allow collocation of:

- reprovided Ashgrove Medical Practice into new accommodation to cope with increased capacity requirements;
- a new General Dental Practice service for the population of Blackburn;
- new West Lothian HSCP clinical facilities; and
- West Lothian Council facilities.

Along with the North West Edinburgh and Firrhill Partnership Centres in Edinburgh, this makes up the NHS Lothian Partnership Centre Bundle. The Bundle has been procured through Hub South East, with NHS Lothian as the lead procuring body.

The key benefits delivered by this project include:

- provision of integrated delivery model for NHS and Council services;
- support enhanced and extended range of services for the local population;
- creation of modern, flexible community based facilities that are efficient, green and sustainable;
- rationalisation of the existing estate of NHS Lothian and the Council.

This scheme supports the priority outcomes and stated approach of the draft West Lothian Strategic Plan 2016-26 that was issued for consultation.

The Full Business Case - the final approval stage for Health projects – was approved by the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group in December 2014. This followed approval by West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian Board in December 2014.

However due to uncertainty about the balance sheet categorisation of all revenue funded capital investments, the contract could not be signed at that point.

Hub Contract Changes

In order to ensure that Hub projects are classified as private sector, and therefore off the public sector balance sheet, changes were required to the contract structure. The structural changes have been agreed by all participants in the South East Scotland Territory including West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian. Where these changes impact on the costs to the participants, the Scottish Government has agreed funding to ensure 'no detriment' to those participants. This includes the inflationary impact of the delay, which will be fully funded by the Scottish Government up to 31st March.

These funding arrangements have been agreed in principle, however formal confirmation will be required once the final numbers are available from the financial model.

As a result of this agreed funding package there is no further business case approval required from the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group, although further approval may be necessary if Financial Close is delayed beyond 31st March.

The Blackburn Partnership Centre project includes a small additional cost to NHS Lothian against non-delegated budgets. Investments above those approved in the Business Case will need to be incorporated into NHS Lothian Board's financial planning process and will be prioritised against strategic objectives.

Project Timescales

As all agreements required prior to Financial Close have been concluded, the project is anticipated to meet the following programme:

Financial Close (contract signing):	pre-31 March 2016 (target 14 March)
Construction Commencement:	April 2016
Construction Completion:	June 2016
Partnership Centre Open:	July 2017

D CONSULTATION

A Communications Group has been established for the Partnership Centre Bundle. This group includes members from West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian. The Group has agreed a Communications Plan for the Blackburn Project.

A number of community engagement events have been held with the local population of Blackburn. Community events will continue as the project progresses.

E REFERENCES/BACKGROUND

None

F APPENDICES

None

G SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

Equality/Health	The report has been assessed as having little or no relevance with regard to equality or the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a result, equality impact assessment has not been conducted. The relevance assessment can be viewed via the background references to this report.
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National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes	As per Full Business Case.
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Strategic Plan Outcomes	Supports Draft Strategic Plan outcomes
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Single Outcome Agreement	As per Full Business Case.
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Impact on other Lothian IJBs	Part of Hub Partnership Centre Bundle which includes two other schemes that are part of Edinburgh IJB
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Resource/finance	As per Full Business Case.
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Policy/Legal	As per Full Business Case.
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Risk

A risk management plan for the delivery of the Bundle is in place and risk workshops have been held regularly to identify and evaluate risk.

The project is being procured as part of a bundle. Therefore all projects can only proceed at the pace of the slowest. If there is an issue with one project, there will be consequences to the programme for all three projects.

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