

13. URGENT BUSINESS - BLACKBURN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE: PART OF NHS Lothian Partnership Centre Bundle

A report had been circulated by the Director updating the Board on the status of the Blackburn Partnership Centre, one of three schemes to be delivered through the Hub NHS Lothian Partnership Centre Bundle.

The report explained that, along with the North West Edinburgh and Firrhill Partnership Centres in Edinburgh, the Blackburn Partnership Centre made up the NHS Lothian Partnership Centre Bundle. The Bundle had been procured through Hub South East, with NHS Lothian as the lead procuring body.

The scheme supported the priority outcomes and stated approach of the draft West Lothian Strategic Plan 2016-26 that had been issued for consultation.

The Full Business Case had been approved and 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.

The report went on to outline hub contract changes. The funding arrangements had been agreed in principle, however formal confirmation would be required once the final numbers were available from the financial model. As a result of the agreed funding package there was no further business case approval required from the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group, although further approval might be necessary if Financial Close was delayed beyond 31st March.

The Board was recommended to:

- Support, as commissioner of the services to be provided from the Partnership Centre, the delivery of the 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 the project.

Decision

To note the terms of the report and to support the delivery of the project as recommended by the Director.