

3. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER ON IJB BUDGETS

The Group were provided with a presentation of the budget arrangements that had been put in place for the Integration Joint Board and would cover a number of aspects including budget responsibilities, resource allocation to and from the IJB and how the budget had been derived.

The Finance Officer explained that the components that made up the IJB budget came from Adult Social Care (West Lothian Council) and delegated core health services, share of delegated pan-lothian hosted services and share of delegated acute services (NHS Lothian).

The Finance Officer continued to explain the how the IJB budget differed from the budget for the Health and Social Care Partnership and how resources would be allocated to and from the IJB.

Budget responsibilities were also outlined noting how resources would be used and directions would be issued to parties accordingly. Monitoring on financial performance would also be undertaken and financial recovery plans would be developed in conjunction with the IJB if an overspend was forecast.

The presentation concluded that the Strategic Plan would drive what services were to be delivered and the resources for this noting that Directions from the IJB were being finalised and which would in turn be issued to West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian. Likewise budget information has recently been issued to both the Chief Executive of West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the presentation on IJB budgets;
2. To note that budget information had recently been distributed to the Chief Executives of both West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian Health Board; and
3. To note the concerns expressed with regards to lack of stability within the prescribing budget and that these concerns had been raised on a Scotland-wide basis with the Scottish Government.