

4. IJB FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A report had been circulated by the Director setting out the outcome of the financial assurance process on the proposed resources to be delegated to the IJB for 2016-17.

A key aspect of the ability of the IJB to deliver its Strategic Plan and improve health and social care outcomes was the level and adequacy of resources available. The report before the group therefore considered assumptions, risks and budget saving plans incorporated within the 2016-17 resources set out for the IJB delegated functions.

The report then provided a summary of the position with regards to the financial resources being provided by West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian; this included details on financial assurance, key risks and uncertainties.

The report concluded that a further report on financial assurance would be provided to the IJB following NHS Lothian having finalised their 2016-17 budget plans. Any amendments required to the NHS Lothian budget contribution to the IJB would be taken into account as part of the report and reflected in revised Directions as necessary.

In addition financial assurance would be ongoing during the year as part of the regular financial reporting on the 2016-17 resources associated with IJB functions.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To note the gap in funding being report by NHS Lothian which could in turn effect the IJB budget; and
3. To note the additional £7.130m that had been allocated to West Lothian specifically for social care and which would go some way to assist with discharges and was also to be used to introduce the Living Wage for all social care workers.