

The IJB considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update in relation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's UK Autumn Statement and on the Scottish Budget announced on 15 December 2022. The report also provided an update on the IJB's medium term financial plan for 2023/24 to 2027/28.

It was recommended that the IJB:

1. Note the latest economic position outlined in the Autumn Statement 2022;
2. Note the issue of the Scottish Draft Budget 2023, which included departmental spending plans for 2023/24;
3. Note the key economic and financial implications at a Scottish public sector wide level resulting from the Budget;
4. Note the initial funding implications for Local Government and Health Boards resulting from the 2023/24 Scottish budget;
5. Agree that the IJB Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer should work with NHS Lothian and West Lothian Council to further assess the impact of the Scottish Budget and the funding related to the 2023/24 financial contribution to the IJB from partner bodies; and
6. Note the adverse movements in the projected medium term budget position since the issue of the IJB public consultation, with the increased estimated gap of £14.4 million for the period 2023/24 to 2025/26.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.