

STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

24 November 2021

Comm: 1.00pm

Term: pm

Present: Ashwin Ramachandra – Tameside & Glossop CCG (Chair)
Councillor Brenda Warrington – Tameside MBC
Councillor Warren Bray – Tameside MBC
Councillor Gerald P Cooney – Tameside MBC
Councillor Leanne Feeley – Tameside MBC
Councillor Allison Gwynne – Tameside MBC
Councillor Joe Kitchen – Tameside MBC
Councillor Oliver Ryan – Tameside MBC
Councillor Eleanor Wills – Tameside MBC
Steven Pleasant – Tameside MBC Chief Executive & Accountable Officer
Dr Asad Ali – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG
Dr Christine Ahmed – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG
Dr Vinny Khunger – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG
Carol Prowse – Tameside & Glossop CCG

In Attendance: Sandra Stewart Director of Governance & Pensions
Kathy Roe Director of Finance
Ian Saxon Director of Place
Steph Butterworth Director of Adults Services
Debbie Watson Interim Director of Population Health
Tim Bowman Director of Education (Tameside and Stockport)
Sarah Threlfall Assistant Director, Policy, Performance and
 Communication
Tracy Brennand Assistant Director, People and Workforce
 Development
Jordanna Rawlinson Head of Communications

Apologies for absence: Dr Kate Hebden – Tameside & Glossop CCG
Councillor Bill Fairfoull – Tameside MBC

Further to the decision of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (Meeting of 25 May 2021), to enable the Clinical Commissioning General Practitioners to take part in decisions of the Strategic Commissioning Board, whilst they continue to support the NHS in dealing with the pandemic that all future meetings of the SCB remain virtual until further notice with any formal decisions arising from the published agenda being delegated to the chair of the SCB taking into the account the prevailing view of the virtual meeting and these minutes reflect those decisions.

51. CHAIR'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that to enable the Clinical Commissioning General Practitioner to take part in decisions of the Strategic Commissioning Board, whilst they continued to support the NHS in dealing with the pandemic, the meeting would be a hybrid of remote and physical presence.

As a physical presence was required to formally take decisions, any formal decisions arising from the published agenda have been delegated to the Chair, taking into the account the prevailing view of the virtual meeting.

The only people in the room were the Executive Members, the Chief Executive and Accountable

Officer, Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Officer and the Chair.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Board members.

53. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 27 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

54. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board held on: 13 October 2021 and 3 November 2021, be noted.

55. CONSOLIDATED 2021/22 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Lead Clinical GP / Director of Finance. The report detailed actual expenditure to 30 September 2021 (Month 6) and forecasts to 31 March 2022 for the Council and 30 September 2021 for the CCG.

Members were advised that at the halfway point in the financial year, the forecast outturn position for the council was beginning to look more positive for 2021/22. This was largely due to non-recurrent, pandemic related funding streams which would not be available next year.

It was reported that while the council position had improved, due to the allocation of one-off funding streams there continued to be significant financial pressures, particularly in Children's Social Care services. These needed to be addressed in order to balance the in-year financial position and address the longer term financial challenge.

It was stated that the NHS financial regime had still not fully normalised following the command and control response to the pandemic last year. Funding had been allocated in order to cover the current costs in the system and was being monitored at a system level (i.e. Greater Manchester). Both the ICFT and the CCG have managed within the required financial envelopes in the first half of this year. Financial and operational guidance for the second half of the year was recently published. This included a system level allocation and confirmation that HDP & ERF funding would continue into H2. But detailed budgets or financial envelopes were not yet agreed at a locality/organisation level. As such this report only included NHS financial information for the first 6 months of the financial year.

The Assistant Director for Finance explained that in 2020/21 the deficit on Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) increased from £0.557m to £1.686m mainly due to funding the overspend on the High Needs Block. If the 2021/22 projections materialised, there would be a deficit of £3.124m on the DSG reserve by 31 March 2022. Under DfE regulations a deficit recovery plan would be required, which would be submitted to the DfE outlining how the deficit would be recovered and spending would be managed. This would require discussions and agreement of the Schools Forum.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**

- (ii) That the detailed analysis of budget forecasts and variances set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (iii) That the forecast position on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (iv) That the forecast position in respect of Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, be noted; and
- (v) That the write-off of irrecoverable debts for the period 1 July to 30 September 2021 as set out in Appendix 5 to the report, be approved.

56. TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP INEQUALITIES REFERENCE GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Director of Transformation, which explained that Tameside & Glossop Inequalities Reference Group (IRG) was established in November 2020 and aimed to reduce inequality in Tameside & Glossop by providing advisory recommendations on tackling key issues within the community. When established, the group's terms of reference committed to the publication of an annual update. The report discharged that obligation and provided an overview of the group's activities in the last 12 months.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report be noted, ensuring the council and CCG work with partners to address the recommendations made in the two reports published to date and support future activity of the Inequalities Reference Group.

57. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR