

Finance Committee Chair's Highlight Report to Council of Governors

Subject:	Finance Committee (FC) Report	Date:	13 th August 2024
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Purpose:			
To provide an overview of the key discussion items from the Finance Committee meeting of 23 rd July 2024.	Assurance	Significant	

Matters of Concern or Key Risks Escalated for Noting / Action	Major Actions Commissioned / Work Underway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Month 3 Financial Performance</u> (to NOTE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £0.6M adverse to plan ○ Delivered planned FIP, BUT still a significant gap to find ○ Behind on ERF ○ Grant Thornton review progressing well and Investigation & Intervention Review (I&I) by PA (on behalf of ICB as part of national review) about to commence. ○ ICB YTD actuals at £59M deficit (£2.4M adverse variance) • <u>PFI Update</u> (to NOTE) – Hard FM service continues to underperform. • <u>Internal Audit Report on Financial Improvement and Productivity</u> (to NOTE) – Moderate Assurance with 3 medium and 5 low risk recommendations. All agreed and in process of being implemented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FIP</u> – More detailed plan to be presented next month, including final outcomes of GT review. • <u>Improvement Cabinet</u> – The role and terms of reference to be reviewed. • <u>Internal Audit Report on System Financial Controls</u> – follow up report to be prepared on status of the 37 (of 80) self-assessed controls classed as ‘Not complete and in place’ to be presented to the next meeting.

Positive Assurances to Provide	Decisions Made <i>(include BAF review outcomes)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grant Thornton Review</u> – Progress noted and good discussion on areas to focus on for FIP. • <u>PA I&I Review</u> – Agreed that scope of review will be helpful in further verifying work being undertaken, but also potentially identifying other opportunities within both the Trust and the ICS. • <u>Month 3 Financial Performance</u> – Deficit and variance to plan discussed. • <u>Procurement</u> – Annual Report and Contracts Forward Plan presented and reviewed. Assured by continued progress and cross organisation work being undertaken by the department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>BAF</u> – PR4 (Financial Sustainability), agreed to maintain risk score at 16, but to monitor closely as reviews are completed and FIP plan further developed. PR8 (Sustainable Reductions in Trust’s Impact on Climate Change), agreed to maintain risk score at 12 and to review as plans to improve control implemented during July and through to September.
Comments on effectiveness of the meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All papers were of a high quality and clear which helped the meeting run smoothly and promoted good constructive challenge and discussion. 	
Items recommended for consideration by other Committees	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Audit Committee that the two Internal Audit Reports were thoroughly discussed and implemented of recommendations will be monitored. 	

Note: this report does not require a cover sheet due to sufficient information provided.