Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: SUMMARY NOTE			
Date of meeting:	24 th September 2021		
Attendees:	Mike Hoare (Chair), Harjinder Kang, Dinah McLannahan, Simon Sheppard, Paul Stanaway, Amanda Wharton (part)		
Apologies:	Liam Kennedy, Craig Higgins		
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	 Capital programme behind plan, plan refresh and forecast to be completed for Month 6. 22/23 BVQC framework review and intended focus on quality and service improvement. H2 planning principles were discussed – overall view is that based on principles there is a plausible route to a cash backed break even position for 2122 based on information available and known risks – but envelopes are not yet confirmed. ICS draft financial governance framework reviewed and discussed – welcomed but some concern at ability to service effectively, organisational versus system governance and the possible need to flex the structure according to ICS governance structure when implemented. New Medium Term Cost Model principles reviewed and discussed – to replace LTFM as planning vehicle whilst retaining as many links as possible (expenditure budgets, some assumptions). Limited assurance on SBAF risks reviewed and accepted due to lack of certainty beyond H1 2122, and extent of external reconfiguration (ICS, ICPs, West Bham) – route to adequate required. 		
Positive highlights of note:	H1 on plan, flexibility identified to manage risks in H2		
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	Temporary staffing expenditure.Energy cost risk.		
Matters presented for information or noting:	None		
Decisions made:	• 2021 Costing PLICS workbook approved for submission.		
Actions agreed:	 Phase 2 MMUH workforce to produce a forward trajectory of headcount towards MMUH opening (Q4 2122). To produce quantification of contractual risk in relation to energy costs by Board meeting if possible (October). Capital programme refresh plan and reforecast on M6 results (October). Take forward development of a system wide costing strategy / plan (Report back November 21). Costed winter plan to be completed asap to build in to H2 		

•	planning (October). Medium Term Cost Model to explain variance from business
	case by bridge (Q4 2122).
•	Route to adequate for SBAF risks (November 21).

Mike Hoare, Non-Executive Director Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee

For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 7th October 2021