

**FOREST OF DEAN ASSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**DATE OF MEETING: 20 DECEMBER 2023**

**COMMITTEE  
GOVERNANCE**

- Committee Chair: **Steve Brittan, Non-Executive Director**
- Attendance (membership): **100%**
- Quorate: **Yes**

**KEY POINTS TO DRAW TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The Committee **RECEIVED** the Financial Update, which provided an update on the project programme, finances, forecast outturn and the associated risks.

Construction expenditure was aligned to the budget for 22/23; however due to delays with Mechanical & Engineering and Highways, expenditure was slightly behind plan for 23/24. It was expected that this would be back on track during the final stages of the project.

The forecast spend was set out within the report, with the design, enabling and construction costs set to reach a gross cost of £24.2m and fees of £1.7m. The overall VAT re-claim would be in the region of £0.5m.

The Early Warning Notices were shared with the Committee. These related to X-ray installation, Highways works and Back-up Generator Switch. Funds had now been identified to install a new X-ray system at the new hospital, instead of transferring the existing equipment from Lydney as previously considered.

The construction of the new skate park was near completion.

**COMMISSIONING PLANS – UPDATE**

The Committee **RECEIVED** the Commissioning Plans Update, which provided an update on the transition and operationalisation of the new hospital in the Forest of Dean. The proposed sequencing of the moves was highlighted, with a plan to commence the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Committee **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the key risks which may impact on the planned sequencing dates, and the mitigations in place to manage these risks.

**DISPOSAL OF LYDNEY HOSPITAL SITE**

The Committee **RECEIVED** the Disposal of Lydney Hospital Site Report, which provided an update on the timeline and outlined the approach for the disposal of Lydney & District Hospital. The report also provided an update on plans of the disposal of The Dilke Memorial Hospital. It was **NOTED** that one part of the Lydney

Hospital site (Stonebury House) will be retained by the Trust as it will continue to be occupied by several teams for the foreseeable future. Both sites have been registered as Assets of Community Value and we are working with Lydney Town Council who have resolved to trigger the full moratorium period and therefore have until the 2<sup>nd</sup> April to develop a community-based proposal to put forward for consideration developing the site.

The Committee **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** this report, and **ENDORSED** the proposed criteria and methodology for the evaluation of offers on the sites.

#### **OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED**

The Committee:

**RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the update provided with regard to the provision of Endoscopy Services.

#### **ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD**

The Board is asked to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** To be confirmed