



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 20 February 2025

BY: Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: 2024/25 Quarter 3 Finance Report

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report updates the IJB on the outcome of the partner's Quarter 3 Financial Reviews and provides a revised forecast position on spend and an update on the delivery of efficiencies.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is asked to:
- i. Note the outcome of partner's Quarter 3 Financial Reviews for 2024/25
 - ii. Note the planned release of Earmarked Reserves to offset relevant costs for 2024/25.
 - iii. Note the updated level of efficiency delivery for partners for 2024/25, and the requirement to review schemes that did not deliver as planned.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Quarterly Financial Review process provides the partners and the IJB with an important indication of how the current financial year is progressing and highlights any areas of financial concern, or risk, and any potential opportunities for the delivery of efficiencies. It is particularly important as it provides a more robust indication of the year-to-date position and a strong indication of the forecast year end position.
- 3.2 The Quarter 3 Financial Reviews are based on information to the end of December 2024. The process includes a detailed analysis of the level of efficiencies delivered to date and a forecast of delivery to the year end.

QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL POSITION AND FORECAST

3.3 The Quarter 3 Financial position is summarised in the table below. The year-to-date spend is compared to the year-to-date budget and any under/(over) spend identified.

	Annual Budget at 31 December 2024	Expenditure to 31 December 2024	Under/(Over) Spend to 31 December 2024	Q3 Forecast Under/(Over) Spend
	£k	£k	£k	£k
Core	74,859	75,080	(221)	(655)
Hosted	13,579	13,363	216	417
Set Aside	16,366	17,375	(1,009)	(476)
Health Total	104,803	105,817	(1,014)	(714)
Social Care	54,250	56,321	(2,071)	(2,845)
Overall Total	159,053	162,138	(3,085)	(3,559)

3.4 Both partners are reporting a year to date overspend. Health services have an overspend of £1,014k which predominantly lies within Set Aside services. A smaller overspend in Core services is matched by a similar underspend within Hosted services. The overspend within Set Aside is largely driven by pressures across admission and bed-based services.

3.5 Council services are reporting a year to date overspend of £2,071k. This primarily falls within the Learning Disabilities service and relates to commissioned care packages. Overspends in Adult Social Care and Acute and Ongoing Care are also contributing to the overspend.

3.6 The above table also provides an update on the forecast year end position for the IJB, based on the year-to-date information and known or planned changes to the 31st of March 2025.

3.7 Health services are forecasting an overspend of £714k, driven primarily by the Prescribing spend in Core services and continued pressures within Set Aside services.

3.8 Within Council services continued pressures in the services highlighted above are driving the forecast £2,845k overspend. The planned release of £105k of Earmarked Reserves as detailed below will improve the forecast to an overspend of £2,740k.

Earmarked Reserve	2024/25 Opening Balance £	Committed in 24/25 £	Balance Remaining £
Community Living Change Fund	45,000	45,000	-
Carers	93,405	60,000	33,405
Earmarked	138,405	105,000	33,405

- 3.9 This will leave a balance of £33k of Carers funding in the Earmarked Reserves to be carried forward to 2025/26.

EFFICIENCIES

- 3.10 Both Partners have provided an update on their in-year delivery of efficiencies. The overall planned savings total £10,678k for 2024/25, split Health £5,134k and Council £5,544k.
- 3.11 The NHS Services are forecasting delivery of £4,377k in year. The under delivery relates primarily to schemes for the Belhaven Community Hub and the reconfiguration of ward services within Edington / ELCH. These schemes form part of the efficiency plans for 2025/26 when they are expected to deliver in full.
- 3.12 The Council have classified the delivery of their schemes as Green £2,456k, Amber £1,406 and Red £1,682. Within the Red classification are schemes totalling £800k, which relate primarily to the closure of the Abbey, and which are expected to deliver in full in 2025/26.
- 3.13 Any schemes that do not deliver by the end of the financial year will be reviewed in terms of their future delivery and plans will be updated accordingly.

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 The IJB makes its papers and reports available on the internet.
- 4.2 The issues in this paper have been discussed with the IJB's partners but do not require further engagement.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no new policies arising from this paper.
- 5.2 The recommendations in this report implement national legislation and regulations on the establishment of IJBs.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

7 DIRECTIONS

- 7.1 This report does not require any new Directions nor amendments to those Directions currently extant.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial – there are no immediate resource implications from this report.

8.2 Personnel – None

8.3 Other – None

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

Appendices: None

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