

Report to:	HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Mr Tim Bennett, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Date of Meeting:	14 December 2016

BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST: STRATEGY, AMBITIONS AND WORK PROGRAMMES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider a progress report on Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's (the 'Trust') strategy, including progress against strategic ambitions and the financial position. The report for consideration is attached as an appendix.

2.0 Recommendations:

- 2.1 To consider, scrutinise and comment upon the strategy and ongoing work of the Trust in relation to clinical and financial sustainability.
- 2.2 To consider what further progress assurance the Committee may wish to receive in relation to continued implementation of the work programmes.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

- 3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of the clinical and financial sustainability of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 At the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee meetings on 5 November 2015 and subsequently 4 February 2016, Mr Tim Bennett, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust presented Members with detail of the Trust's financial deficit and the need to ensure that the financial position did not impact on the quality of care. The minutes of those meetings as attached at appendix 10 (b). The web link to reports is listed at paragraph thirteen below.
- 5.2 The Committee discussed the financial challenge the Trust was facing, the core reasons behind the deficit and the action being taken to address the deficit.
- 5.3 Members asked a number of questions including whether the Trust had developed a plan for financial recovery and was informed that this was the case. Mr Bennett agreed to return to the Committee at a future meeting to present a progress report concerning the Improvement Action Plan and Strategy for Financial Recovery that had been developed.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 10 (a): Strategy, Ambitions and Work Programmes.

Appendix 10 (b): Minutes extract of Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 4 February 2016 and 5 Nov 2015.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 N/A

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 N/A

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 N/A

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 N/A

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 N/A

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 N/A

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 N/A

13.0 Background papers:

13. Previous reports concerning sustainability issues from Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Trust to the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee on 5 November 2015 (<http://tinyurl.com/jp7abvw>) and 4 February 2016 (<http://tinyurl.com/jfuyv8v>).