Paper Title: Update on Key Items of Discussion at Governance Committee

Recommendation:

That the Board note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Finance, Planning and Performance Committee Meeting of 30th March 2021 as set out below.

Key Items of Discussion:

1. Finance Report

The Committee noted, the Month 11 Finance Report as at 31 March 2021, presented by Mr Mark White, Director of Finance and noted progress and position of the Financial Improvement Programme (FIP), continued efforts to address the ongoing financial position and the implications of COVID-19, planned expenditure as part of the Remobilisation Plan and the negotiations with the Scottish Government around a corresponding financial settlement.

The Committee received an update on the 2021/22 current position. The key areas of financial performance included direct expenditure on health mobilisation and delivery of services due to COVID-19 and unachieved savings due to the focus and effort on COVID-19 delivery. A detailed return of actual spend would be collated and submitted at the end of the financial year.
The Financial Improvement Programme continued into 2020/21, although due to the focused efforts dealing with COVID-19 position, had been less active.

The Board predicted financial break even as at 31st March 2021. The work of the Programme for the next financial year would focus on the Remobilisation Plan, analysing all areas of spend across the business, finalising the three year Financial and Capital Plan and develop detailed plans to return NHSGGC to recurring balance, meet the key Financial Targets for 2021/22 within an agreed profile and reduce the underlying recurring deficit.

The Committee were content to note the report and would anticipate further updates at the next meeting in June 2021.