

Report to Board of Directors

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Financial Position – January (Month 10) 2015/16

For Information

Introduction

This report summarises the financial performance of the Trust for the year-to date.

Performance to date

The key financial results for the period ending 31st January 2016 are:

- EBITDA (Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation) of **£8.3m**, which is **£0.5m** ahead of plan (**£7.4m**, **£0.2m** ahead of plan at month 9).

The position is mainly driven by the following:

- favourable operational variances
 - partly offset by shortfall in delivery of cost improvement plans
- An Income and Expenditure deficit of **£2.0m**, **£0.2m** ahead of plan (**£1.9m** deficit, in line with plan at month 9).

The position is driven by the better than planned EBITDA as outlined above and profit on disposal of asset.

- A cash balance of **£10.2m**, **£2.0m** below plan, (balance was **£12.1m** at month 9). This is primarily due to lower than planned receipts from sales of land and buildings, and decrease in trade and other payables. Cash balances overall remain relatively strong and are forecast to be at **£14.1m** at the year-end.
- From month 5 Monitor have revised the risk rating to include two new elements: I&E margin (%) and I&E margin variance from plan (%). The revised risk rating is known as the Financial Sustainability Risk Rating (FSRR). Under the revised FSRR the Trust has achieved an overall risk rating of '3' at month 10.
- This is based on the Monitor scale of financial risk, where 1 means a high risk and 4 means lowest risk.

Cost improvement programme

- The Trust has a cost improvement target of **£5.1m** for this financial year;
- Cost improvements of **£3.8m** have been delivered for the year-to-date, **£0.4m** behind plan (**£3.1m** achieved at month 9). Detailed plans are in place as are actions to manage slippage on delivery.

Capital programme

Capital expenditure of **£3.6m** has been incurred for the year-to-date, **£1.6m** below plan (**£3.3m**, **£1.5m** lower than plan at month 9).

The forecast outturn

The forecast for the full year, following review at month 10, has been improved from a **£1.8m** deficit forecast in the previous period to a deficit of **£1.0m** against a planned deficit of **£5.4m**. The improvement against plan reflects better than planned proceeds (**£2.9m**) on the sale of land and other properties and **£0.9m** as a result of improved revenue and management of cost pressures and a **£0.6m** release of unutilised provision.

- I&E **£1.0m** deficit, **£4.4m** better than plan
- EBITDA of **£8.7m**, **£2.1m** better than plan
- CIP delivery **£5.1m** as plan
- Financial Sustainability Risk Rating (FSSR) expected to be '2'

Risk to the forecast is mainly in relation to any delay in the sale of land.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the financial position of the Trust.

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