

**Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements**

**FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE
COMMITTEE**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Board shall establish a committee to be known as Finance and Performance Committee (F&P). The detailed terms of reference and operating arrangements in respect of this Committee are set out below.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assure the Board in discharging its responsibilities with regard to its current and forecast financial position and performance and delivery. This includes the Board's Capital Programme and Workforce activity.

3. DELEGATED POWERS

3.1 The Committee, in respect of its provision of advice and assurance will, and is authorised by the Board to: -

3.1.1 Financial Management

- seek assurance on the Financial Planning process and consider Financial Plan proposals
- monitor financial performance and cash management against revenue budgets and statutory duties;
- consider submissions to be made in respect of revenue or capital funding and the service implications of such changes including screening and review of financial aspects of business cases as appropriate for submission to Board in line with Standing Financial Instructions;
- monitor turnaround and transformation programmes' progress and impact/pace of implementation of organisational savings plans.
- receive quarterly assurance reports arising from performance reviews, including performance and accountability reviews of individual directorates, divisions and sites.
- to determine any new awards in respect of Primary Care contracts

3.1.2. Performance Management and accountability

- approve the Health Board's overall Performance Management Framework (to be reviewed on a three yearly basis or sooner if required).
- ensure detailed scrutiny of the performance and resources dimensions of the Quality and Performance Report (QAP);

- monitor performance and quality outcomes against Welsh Government targets including access times, efficiency measures and other performance improvement indicators, including local targets;
- review in year progress in implementing the financial and performance aspects of the Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP);
- review and monitor performance against external contracts
- receive assurance reports arising from Performance and Accountability Reviews of individual teams.
- Receive assurance reports in respect of the Shared Services Partnership.

3.1.3 Capital Expenditure and Working Capital

- approve and monitor progress of the Capital Programme.

3.1.4 Workforce

- Monitor performance against key workforce indicators as part of the QAP;
- Monitor the financial aspects of workforce planning to meet service needs in line with agreed strategic plans.
- Receive assurance reports in relation to workforce, to include job planning under Medical and Dental contracts for Consultants and Specialist and Associate Specialist (SAS) doctors and the application of rota management for junior doctors.
- To consider and determine any proposals from the Primary Care Panel (via the Executive Team) in relation to whether the Health Board should take on responsibility for certain GP Practices.

4. AUTHORITY

- 4.1** The Committee may investigate or have investigated any activity (clinical and non-clinical) within its terms of reference. It may seek relevant information from any:
- employee (and all employees are directed to cooperate with any legitimate request made by the Committee); and
 - other committee, sub committee or group set up by the Board to assist it in the delivery of its functions.
- 4.2** May obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers it necessary, in accordance with the Board's procurement, budgetary and other requirements;

- 4.3 May consider and where appropriate, approve on behalf of the Board any policy within the remit of the Committee's business;
- 4.4 Will review risks from the Corporate Risk Register that are assigned to the Committee by the Board and advise the Board on the appropriateness of the scoring and mitigating actions in place.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

- 5.1 The Committee may, subject to the approval of the Health Board, establish sub-committees or task and finish groups carry out on its behalf specific aspects of Committee business.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Members

Four Independent Members of the Board

6.2 In attendance

Executive Director of Finance (Lead Director)
Chief Executive
Executive Medical Director
Executive Director of Workforce and Organisational Development
Executive Director of Planning & Performance
Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery

Other Directors/Officers will attend as required by the Committee Chair, as well as any others from within or outside the organisation who the Committee considers should attend, taking into account the matters under consideration at each meeting.

Trade Union Partners are welcome to attend the public session of the Committee

6.3 Member Appointments

- 6.3.1 The membership of the Committee shall be determined by the Chairman of the Board taking account of the balance of skills and expertise necessary to deliver the Committee's remit and subject to any specific requirements or directions made by the Welsh Government. This includes the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee who shall be Independent Members.
- 6.3.2 Appointed Independent Members shall hold office on the Committee for a period of up to 4 years. Tenure of appointments will be staggered to ensure business continuity. A member may resign or be removed by the Chairman of the Board. Independent Members may be reappointed to the Committee up to a maximum period of 8 years.

6.4 Secretariat

Secretary – as determined by the Board Secretary.

6.5 Support to Committee Members

6.5.1 The Board Secretary, on behalf of the Committee Chair, shall:

- Arrange the provision of advice and support to Committee members on any aspect related to the conduct of their role; and
- Ensure the provision of a programme of development for Committee members as part of the overall Board Development programme.

7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7.1 Quorum

7.1.1 At least two Independent Members must be present to ensure the quorum of the Committee, this should include either the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Committee. In the interests of effective governance it is expected that a minimum of two Executive Directors will also be in attendance.

7.2 Frequency of Meetings

7.2.1 Meetings shall be held at least 6 times per annum.

7.3 Withdrawal of individuals in attendance

7.3.1 The Committee may ask any or all of those who normally attend but who are not members to withdraw to facilitate open and frank discussion of particular matters.

8. RELATIONSHIP & ACCOUNTABILITIES WITH THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES/GROUPS

8.1 Although the Board has delegated authority to the Committee for the exercise of certain functions as set out within these terms of reference, it retains overall responsibility and accountability for ensuring the quality and safety of healthcare for its citizens through the effective governance of the organisation.

8.2 The Committee is directly accountable to the Board for its performance in exercising the functions set out in these Terms of Reference,

8.3 The Committee, through its Chair and members, shall work closely with the Board's other Committees including joint committees/Advisory Groups to provide advice and assurance to the Board through the:

8.3.1 joint planning and co-ordination of Board and Committee business; and

8.3.2 sharing of information

in doing so, contributing to the integration of good governance across the organisation, ensuring that all sources of assurance are incorporated into the Board's overall risk and assurance arrangements.

8.4 The Committee shall embed the corporate goals and priorities through the conduct of its business, and in doing and transacting its business shall seek assurance that adequate consideration has been given to the sustainable development principle and in meeting the requirements of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act.

9. REPORTING AND ASSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

9.1 The Committee Chair shall:

9.1.1 report formally, regularly and on a timely basis to the Board on the Committee's activities via the Chair's assurance report as well as the presentation of an annual report;

9.1.2 ensure appropriate escalation arrangements are in place to alert the Health Board Chair, Chief Executive or Chairs of other relevant committees of any urgent/critical matters that may affect the operation and/or reputation of the Health Board.

9.2 The Board Secretary, on behalf of the Board, shall oversee a process of regular and rigorous self-assessment and evaluation of the Committee's performance and operation.

10. APPLICABILITY OF STANDING ORDERS TO COMMITTEE BUSINESS

10.1 The requirements for the conduct of business as set out in the Standing Orders are equally applicable to the operation of the Committee, except in the following areas:

- Quorum

11. REVIEW

11.1 These terms of reference and operating arrangements shall be reviewed annually by the Committee and any changes recommended to the Board for approval.

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