

Agenda Item

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Joint Commissioning Committee

Corporate Governance Report

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Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
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Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AGS	Annual Governance Statement
ARAC	CTMUHB Audit & Risk Committee
HB	Health Board
JCC	NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee
SO	Standing Orders
WG	Welsh Government

WHC	Welsh Health Circular
FREM	HM Treasury Financial Reporting Manual
CTMUHB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on corporate governance matters that have arisen since the previous meeting.

There are several corporate governance matters that need to be reported as a regular item in-line with the governance and accountability framework for the Joint Commissioning Committee. This report encompasses all such issues as one agenda item.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL

2.1 Matters Considered In-Committee

In accordance with the Standing Orders (SOs), the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) is required to report any decisions made in private "In-Committee" session, to the next available public meeting of the Joint Committee (JC). An "In-Committee" meeting was held 18 January 2025 and the following updates were received:

- The Minutes from the JCC In Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2024,
- Update on Recommendation 4; and
- Any Other Business.

2.2 Welsh Health Circulars (WHCs)

Welsh Government (WG) issue Welsh Health Circulars (WHCs) around specific topic areas. The following WHCs have been received since 25 November 2024 and are available via the WG website, where further details as to the risks and governance issues are available:

- WHC/2024/022 – Disputed debts between NHS Organisation: guidance,
- WHC/2024/042 - Introduction of the 'Dictionary of medicines and devices,
- WHC/2024/051 -Health board allocations: 2025 to 2026,
- WHC/2025/002 - Timelines and Responsibilities for the Implementation of Early Warning Scores,
- WHC/2025/005 - Climate Emergency Spread & Scale Leadership Day & Adaptation; and
- WHC/2025/007 - Amendments to Model Standing orders for LHBs, Trusts and SHAs.

2.3 Annual Governance Statement (AGS)

Chapter 3 of the HM Treasury Financial Reporting Manual (FREM) stipulates that statutory NHS bodies are required to publish, as a single document, a three-part annual report and accounts which includes a Performance Report, an Accountability Report (including an Annual Governance Statement (AGS)) and

Financial Statements.

As a hosted body under Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB (CTMUHB), the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) does not have a statutory duty to produce an AGS and an Annual report but will continue to do so, as a matter of good governance in accordance with the respective (SO's), to provide assurance to the LHBs and, in particular, to CTMUHB, as the host organisation, in relation to their governance and accountability arrangements. The JCC Standing Orders state in section 9.2 that the Committee shall provide a written, annual report to the host body on its work in support of the Annual Governance Statement.

The AGS is a key feature of an organisation's Annual Report and Accounts and demonstrates publicly the management and control of resources and the extent to which the body complies with its own governance requirements, including how they have monitored and evaluated the effectiveness of their governance arrangements. It is intended to bring together in one place all disclosures relating to governance, risk and control.

The AGS for the JCC will:

- provide assurance on the Chief Commissioners Accountable Officer status for the propriety and regularity for public finances delegated to them by the Health Boards (HBs),
- explain the internal control structures and stewardship,
- explain the risks the organisation has been exposed to, how the risks were mitigated, the potential impact of the risks on the operating environment,
- the achievements of the organisation; and
- how the organisation coped with the challenges faced.

The AGS is under development and will be approved via a Chairs Action in order to be presented to CTMUHB Audit & Risk Committee (ARAC) on 22 May 2025 as part of CTMUHBs Draft Accounts and Annual Report (incorporating the Accountability Report, Performance Report and Remuneration Report). The final documents will be presented to the ARAC on 25 June 2025 for recommendation for Board Approval on 26 June 2025 prior to being submitted Audit Wales and WG. The final document will be presented to the CTMUHB Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 31 July 2025.

2.4 Annual Effectiveness Survey

In accordance with section 9.2 of the JCC the JCC Standing Orders:

"The Committee Secretary shall oversee a process of regular and thorough self-assessment and evaluation of the Committee's performance and operation on behalf of the Joint Committee".

For the Joint Committee Annual Committee effectiveness survey for 2024-2025, a questionnaire will be disseminated to members to complete at the April 2025 JCC strategy workshop. This questionnaire will enable an efficient yet effective

reflection on Committee effectiveness. The findings will be presented to the May 2025 JCC meeting and feedback will be incorporated into discussions to develop the new JCC and its development programme.

2.5 Forward Plan of Committee Business 2024-2025

The forward plan of committee business is presented at **Appendix 1** for information.

3. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Nod(au) Strategol CBC /Link to JCC Strategic Goal(s)	Sustaining Our Future
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Healthier Wales
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd (<i>Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)</i>) / Link to Enablers of Quality (<i>Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales)</i>)	Whole-systems Perspective
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd (<i>Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)</i>) / Link to Domains of Quality (<i>Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales)</i>)	Effective
	All apply
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable
	If more than one applies please list below:

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: N/A
Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> Equality <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: N/A
Cyfreithiol / Legal	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	National Health Service Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Directions 2024 National Health Service Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Regulations 2024	
Enw da / Reputational	There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl /Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
	A sound system of financial control enacts robust financial control, safeguards public funds and the JCC's assets and resources. Robust governance arrangements underpinning financial management contribute towards internal control and value for money being achieved.	

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee is asked to:

- **Note** the report.