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Glasgow City Integration Joint Board

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Update from Vice Chair of Finance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee (9th September 2026)

Summary:

The last FASC meeting took place at 9.30am on Wednesday 9th September 2026.

The meeting heard a number of important updates including:

- Presentation of the IJB Annual Accounts by Finance officers and the associated draft Annual Audit Report by EY. The audit report is positive in many respects and reinforces that the IJB has high standards of governance and achieving Best Value. The notable concern remains Financial Sustainability given ongoing demand and inflationary pressures on the system and funding that is not keeping pace with these. The auditors note the STEP Forward approach as being central to this, but also not without risks.
- An update on outstanding internal audit actions. This includes delayed property-related actions that rely on delivery by City Building. Members highlighted the need to escalate these issues if there is any further risk of slippage.
- The Budget Monitoring report for Period 4 shows an overspend to date of £2.1m but within this there remain several underlying pressures, such as spending on bank and locum staff in Mental Health services that need close attention. It is not thought that emergency recovery action is needed at this point, but there is a risk if STEP Forward savings are not agreed or if their implementation is delayed that this will necessitate very rapid in-year savings actions. Officers are preparing for this eventuality.

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- There was an in-depth presentation on performance issues within Children's Services by the Assistant Chief Officer (Children's Services) with points of discussion including the impact of delayed SCRA reporting and the issues around vaccine hesitancy and performance.
- The regular Clinical and Professional Quarterly Assurance Statement provided a very detailed overview of assurance matters. There were substantial discussions around the impact of the Thistle facility on drug related harms, as well as the actions being taken subsequent to the Family C Learning Review.
- The proposed Risk Policy and Strategy which has been developed via a Short Life Working Group and consulted on at the last Development Session was endorsed for approval at this meeting.

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