NHS GRAMPIAN

Minute of Meeting of GRAMPIAN NHS BOARD held in Open Session
on 14 January 2016 from 11.00am
The Park Café, Hazlehead Park, Aberdeen

Present

Professor Stephen Logan Chairman
Mrs Rhona Atkinson Non-Executive Board Member
Mr Raymond Bisset Non-Executive Board Member
Cllr Stewart Cree Non-Executive Board Member
Ms Amanda Croft Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions
Mrs Sharon Duncan Employee Director, Non-Executive Board Member
Dr Nick Fluck Medical Director
Prof Mike Greaves Non-Executive Board Member
Mrs Christine Lester Non-Executive Board Member (Vice Chair)
Dr Lynda Lynch Non-Executive Board Member
Dr Helen Moffat Chair, Area Clinical Forum, Non-Executive Board Member
Mr Jonathan Passmore Non-Executive Board Member
Mr Eric Sinclair Non-Executive Board Member
Mr Malcolm Wright Chief Executive

By invitation

Mrs Laura Gray Director of Corporate Communications/Board Secretary
Miss Lesley Hall Assistant Board Secretary
Dr Annie Ingram Director of Workforce
Mr Graeme Smith Director of Modernisation
Mrs Susan Webb Acting Director of Public Health

Attending

Mr Alan Sharp- Assistant Director of Finance
Mr Gary Mortimer Interim General Manager Acute Sector
Mr Derek Morgan Head of Projects (Estates)
Mr Chris Littlejohn Consultant in Public Health
Lorraine Scott Programme Manager
Hazel Robertson Children and Young Peoples Act (CYPA) Project Development Manager

Item Subject

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr David Anderson, Cllr Barney Crockett, Mr Alan Gray, Cllr Marin Kitts-Hayes and Mr Terry Mackie.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to specific agenda items.
3 Infrastructure Investment Programme – Multi Storey Car Park at the Foresterhill Health Campus

The Chairman welcomed Mr Alan Sharp, Assistant Director of Finance, who was deputising in Mr Gray’s absence.

Mr Sharp introduced his colleagues Mr Morgan and Mr Mortimer who were in attendance to answer any questions.

Mr Sharp highlighted the main points in the paper that had been circulated. He advised that the Standard Business Case for the Multi Storey Car Park had been scrutinised by the Asset Management Group. Car parking on the Foresterhill site was a major frustration and resulted in a significant number of complaints. The facility would improve the patient and visitor experience at Foresterhill.

He explained that the facility would provide 1300 spaces for patients and visitors which would give a net additional 1000 spaces. There would also be improvements to pedestrian routes. There had been two public consultations to which there had been positive responses. The key dates in the project were set out in the paper, with completion of the site works and handover to NHS Grampian expected to be in February 2017.

He explained that the main risks related to cost, which was always a risk with any capital project, and disruption during the works. He assured the Board of the plans to mitigate these risks.

In response to queries about available spaces after the work was finished, Mr Mortimer advised that there would be 1035 net additional spaces with 12 disabled spaces on ground floor close to the exit. Access would continue to be available to the core site to allow patients to be dropped off nearer to clinical areas.

Mr Sharp advised that the revenue costs had been factored into the financial plans.

Mr Morgan was confident that there would be minimal disruption during the construction phase and that proposals were being prepared with the developers and NHS Grampian’s transport team to minimise the impact on staff using the existing car park.

Mr Mortimer stressed the importance of continuing to develop travel and transport strategies to reduce the demand for car parking space on the Foresterhill site.

Mr Morgan explained that the cost of a covered walkway that would meet planning approval would be prohibitively expensive in the context of the whole project and funding available, but negotiations on an acceptable design continued with the planners.

Mrs Duncan advised that staff welcomed the generous donation but continued to have concerns about the number of parking spaces available to staff, the restrictions around parking permits and the difficulties faced because of limited public transport.
Mr Smith welcomed the car park proposals as complementary to the pattern of development of the site in recent years in the context of the Foresterhill Masterplan. He reiterated that car parking issues had been raised during public consultations and this proposal would significantly improve the situation for patients and visitors.

Mr Wright concluded that the generous donation from The Wood Foundation would make a significant contribution to patient welfare and help to address one of the major areas of complaints around access to the site and car parking. Improvements would include additional spaces, improved physical access, improvements for cycling and electrical charging for vehicles. Although it would not solve all car parking issues it would be a massive step change.

Mr Wright stressed the need to continue to work closely with staff and to continue dialogue with the Council and transport providers.

Dr Fluck agreed that the facility would deal with major recurring concerns. In response to the comments made about a walkway from the car park, he suggested extending the meeting and greeting service offered by volunteers to help improve the patient experience and reduce anxieties. Mrs Gray agreed this might be a helpful option and that enhancements to the shuttle bus service would also be a practical solution for patients and visitors to access more distant parts of the site.

The NHS Grampian Board:

- Approved the Standard Business Case for the Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP) project at the Foresterhill Health Campus. The business case had been considered by the Board’s Asset Management Group on 23 December.
- Formally acknowledged the donation of £10.733 million from The Wood Foundation for the cost of its construction.
- Authorised the Chief Executive and Board Chairman to agree a final target price for the MSCP, not to exceed the identified budget of £10.733 million including all risk and contingency allowances, and to sign the contract agreement with the appointed Principal Supply Chain Partner.

The Chairman thanked the team and confirmed thanks to The Wood Foundation for the generous donation that would make a difference to the patient experience.

4 Date of Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on 4 February 2016 at CLAN, 120 Westburn Road, Aberdeen