

Somerset County Council
Scrutiny Committee
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New Hospital Programme

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1. Summary

- 1.1.** Somerset Foundation Trust is developing outline proposals for the redevelopment of Musgrove Park Hospital site between 2026-2030. These proposals are in response to Musgrove Park Hospital site being designated one of the schemes in the New Hospital Programme.
- 1.2.** The proposals are supported by the Somerset ICS and consistent with the long-term vision for Somerset. Somerset CCG concluded in November 2021 that under the Somerset CCG's consultation policy, consultation is not required.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

- 2.1.** The Committee is asked to consider the process being undertaken to develop the outline proposals for the redevelopment of Musgrove Park Hospital and to confirm whether this approach is supported by the Committee. The Committee is asked to consider whether the view that public consultation is not required is still supported.
- 2.2.** Somerset Foundation Trust will report back to the Committee when more detailed plans have been developed over the next few years.

3. Background

- 3.1.** Musgrove Park Hospital has been designated as one of the Government's New Hospital Programme schemes. Initial planning work was undertaken during 2021 to test out the feasibility of redeveloping part of the hospital site in accordance with guidance provided by the Department of Health and Social Care.
- 3.2.** The outline plans are supported by Somerset CCG and the wider Somerset ICS. A Strategic Outline Case has been submitted to NHS regulators for approval. It is anticipated that further work would commence on developing more detailed plans later this year subject to regulatory approval.

4. Consultations undertaken

- 4.1.** The process for developing proposals was shared with HOSC in early 2021 and

views were expressed that public consultation was not required.

- 4.2. Conceptual plans were developed later that year and shared with a range of stakeholder groups that included patients, carers, members of the public and health service colleagues. Details of the engagement are included in the supporting papers.

5. Implications

- 5.1. As plans for the redevelopment of the hospital site progress, there will need to be an updated Travel Plan. The plan will need to consider the implications of a significant construction on the hospital site in a way that minimises the impact on access to hospital services.

6. Background papers

- 6.1. Papers include the presentation that has been shared with the stakeholder groups and the EIA that has been subsequently developed following those engagement meetings.

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author