SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Minutes of the special meeting of Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust Board Held on Monday 11th May 2015

Board Members Present:	Dr N Marsden	Chairman
	Dr C Blanshard	Medical Director
	Mr M Cassells	Director of Finance & Procurement
	Mr A Freemantle	Non-Executive Director
	Mr I Downie	Non-Executive Director
	Mr P Hill	Chief Executive
	Mr A Hyett	Chief Operating Officer
	Mr P Kemp	Non-Executive Director
	Mrs A Kingscott	Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development
	Mr S Long	Non-Executive Director
	Revd Dame S Mullally	Non-Executive Director
	Dr L Brown	Non-Executive Director
Corporate Directors:	Mr L Arnold	Director of Corporate Development
	Mr M Ace	Associate Executive Director
In Attendance:	Mr D Seabrooke	Head of Corporate Governance
Apologies:	Ms L Wilkinson	Director of Nursing

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No matters were declared in relation to the Annual Plan 2015/16.

2. APPROVAL OF THE TRUST'S OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/16

The Board received a report and appendix setting out the final draft of the Annual Plan 2015/16 which was required to be submitted to Monitor by Thursday 14 May 2015.

The report indicated that it was believed that new five year strategies would be requested during 2015/16 with 2016/17 as year one. The Operational Plan and Financial forecasts included with the report were consistent with the policy intentions of the existing five year strategy submitted to Monitor in summer 2014. The Trust was recommitting to the aims of that earlier strategy.

The Operational Plan had been considered by the Joint Board of Directors and at two meetings of the Governor's Strategy Committee in addition to the Joint Board/Council Meeting held in February.

An early summary financial forecast had been submitted to Monitor and feedback had been received principally around resolving differences between the Trust's and CCG forecasts for finance and activity. It was noted that in recent weeks a greater alignment of activity forecasts had been achieved.

Within the financial return the Trust was required to make a response in relation to the Continuity of Service condition in the licence requiring it to make a declaration for the year ahead.

It was highlighted in the strategy that the Trust was budgeting for a deficit of £6m in 2015/16. The budget gap was assessed at £14m and the remainder would be addressed by cost improvements of £8m which were in the course of being fully identified.

In relation to the Board declarations for sustainability and resilience for 2015/16 the Board considered that a clear statement should be made on the balance the Board plans to strike between a planned deficit and cost improvement and an acknowledgement of the Trust's responsibility to improve efficiency while avoiding adverse effects on patient care.

On this basis, the Board approved the Annual Plan for submission to Monitor.