

**Item 18**

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| **Report to:** | Board of Directors |
| **Date of Meeting:** | 27th March 2024 |
| **Subject:** | Green Plan |
| **Director Sponsor:** | Penny Gilyard, Director of Resources  Andrew Bertram, Finance Director (Exec Sustainability Lead) |
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| **Status of the Report** (please click on the appropriate box)    Approve Discuss Assurance Information A Regulatory Requirement |

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| **Trust Priorities**  Our People  Quality and Safety  Elective Recovery  Acute Flow | **Board Assurance Framework**  Quality Standards  Workforce  Safety Standards  Financial  Performance Targets  DIS Service Standards  Integrated Care System  Sustainability |

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| **Summary of Report and Key Points to highlight:**  The revised Trust Green Plan has been revised to take account of the latest guidance and the need to highlight the role that Digital Transformation, Food and Nutrition and the use of and prescribing of “Medicines” in achieving a more sustainable and lower carbon footprint to assist the Trust and provide assurance on the commitment in meeting its mandatory NHS Net Zero targets. Other sections of the plan have been renamed and updated in line with the requirements of the guidance, the NHS Standard Contract 2023/24 requirements and other related guidance. The various Trust Green Plan sections also provide a commentary on the Trust’s progress to date.  The Sustainable Development Group provided input and endorsed the preparation of a revised Trust draft Green Plan and plays a role in plans to reduce carbon emissions and improve efficiency.  **Recommendations:**  For the Board of Directors to approve the Green Plan. |

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| **Report History**  (Where the paper has previously been reported to date, if applicable) | | |
| **Meeting** | **Date** | **Outcome/Recommendation** |
| Management Group  Executive Committee  Resources Committee | 27th February 2024  6th March 2024  19th March 2024 | Approved  Approved  Assurance |

**Green Plan**

1. Revised Green Plan

1.1 Within the last few months the existing Trust Green Plan has been revised to take account of the latest guidance and requirement to highlight the role that Digital Transformation, Food and Nutrition and use of and prescribing of “Medicines” in achieving a more sustainable and lower carbon footprint in order to assist the Trust in meeting its’ mandatory NHS Net Zero targets. The draft Green Plan has been presented at YTHFM’s Operational Management Group, Management Group & Executive Performance & Assurance Meeting and Sustainable Development Group where it has been positively received. It has been approved by Executive Committee and seen by the Resources Committee.

The revised Green Plan document is embedded and presented at **Appendix A**.

**Green Plan Updates**

1.2 Recent Green Plan updates include a Digital Transformation programme which incorporates the replacement of inefficient data centre equipment with less energy consuming servers and equipment, a reduction in paper due to the introduction of a digital solution to capture patients notes at the bedside and adoption and high usage of Microsoft Teams reducing the need for travel between sites and enabling agile working across the Trust estate.

1.3 A focus on supporting greener staff travel choices with the introduction of a 100 cycle new storage facility at York Hospital, a £1 bus travel scheme introduced for staff journeys in York and Scarborough and continuing discounts and promotions for the use of electric scooters and bikes.

1.4 The continuing build and delivery of Scarborough Urgent and Emergency Care Centre which began in 2022 was awarded BREEAM 'excellent' status at the pre-construction stage and this project included the provision for a relocated helipad whose circumference was planted with wildflower seeds and "bee bombs" to encourage invertebrates plus some hedgehog boxes were installed.

1.5 Clinical waste tonnage for 2022/23 was down 5% against the previous year (2021/22), which equates to 54 tonnes reduction and 783 tonnes of waste were recycled in 2022/23 which represents 29% of total waste generated.

1.6 A decision to cease the use of Desflurane (an anaesthetic gas with a high carbon footprint) from November 2022 and to use lower carbon alternatives; and, in catering, seasonality and locality KPIs have been incorporated for newly on-boarded suppliers.

2. Summary

2.1 The Trust is following the national guidance and its own Green Plan to make further improvements to deliver the NHS carbon reduction targets and is mindful of the various contractual obligations and the limited resources it has available*.* A number of initiatives are on-going or in development and whilst there is a clear need to increase our progress, it is also clear that monitoring and reporting plays a key part of demonstrating the effects of the work which is being implemented. Plans are now being implemented to ensure that work continues to collate and analyse the monitoring data on the Trust’s carbon footprint.

2.2 It is evident that a great deal of progress has been made by the Sustainable Development Group and this is instrumental in progressing the Net Zero agenda.

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 For the Board of Directors to approve the Green Plan.

**Date:** 19th March 2024