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## BOARD

29 JULY 2025

### Report Title:

**Executive Committee Highlight Report  
and Confirmed Minutes**

### Purpose of report

To provide the Board with an overview of the decisions agreed at the Executive Committee meetings in May and June 2025 and the confirmed minutes from these meetings.

### Key points

The Executive Committee met on 13 May and 9 June 2025.

The key points to bring to the Board's attention from each meeting are detailed in accompanying decision logs (Appendices 1 and 2). The confirmed minutes from each meeting are also attached for assurance (Appendix 3 and 4).

#### 13 May 2025

The following items were submitted to the meeting of the Committee and details are contained within the attached decision log and confirmed minutes (Appendix 1):

- Winter Delivery and Assurance Group Terms of Reference
- Healthcare Inequalities Annual Report
- 2025-26 Operational and Financial Plan
- Digital Inclusion Strategy
- Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Approval Policy

#### 9 June 2025

The following items were submitted to the meeting of the Committee and details are contained within the attached decision log and confirmed minutes (Appendix 2):

- Healthier and Fairer Financial Plan
- Learning Disability Network Impact Statement 2024/25
- Decommissioning Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Value Based Commissioning Policy
- Secure Data Environment (SDE) Disclosure Control, Output Checking and Release Policy

The confirmed minutes from the Executive Committee meetings held on 13 May and 9 June 2025 are attached as appendices 3 and 4, respectively.

### Risks and issues

The Committee noted the reported risks and mitigating actions being put in place as detailed in the report appendices.

### Assurances and supporting documentation

The Committee also received several items for assurance, and these included:

- Chief Delivery Officer report – an information and assurance summary report of business within the respective place areas.
- Assurance via a number of subcommittee minutes.
- Finance reports
- Integrated Delivery Report
- Urgent and Emergency Care Winter Debrief

### Recommendation/action required

The Board is asked to:

- Receive the highlight report and decision logs for the Executive Committee meetings held on 13 May and 9 June 2025 for information and assurance (Appendices 1 and 2).
- Receive the confirmed minutes for the meetings held on 13 May and 9 June 2025 (Appendices 3 and 4).

### Acronyms and abbreviations explained

NENC - North East and North Cumbria

ICS - Integrated Care System

ICB - Integrated Care Board

IDR – Integrated Delivery Report

LDT – Local Delivery Teams

PSR - Provider Selection Regime

**Sponsor/Approving Executive Director**

S Allen, Chief Executive

**Date approved by Executive Director**

22/07/2025

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### Link to ICP strategy priorities (please tick all that apply)

Longer and Healthier Lives

✓

Fairer Outcomes for All

✓

Better Health and Care Services

✓

Giving Children and Young People the Best Start in Life

✓

### Relevant legal/statutory issues

Note any relevant Acts, regulations, national guidelines etc

**Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper?**  
(please tick)

Yes

No

✓

N/A

N/A

**Equality analysis completed**  
(please tick)

Yes

No

N/A

✓

**If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken?** (please tick)

Yes

No

N/A

✓

Essential considerations (must be completed)	
Financial implications and considerations	Identified as part of the committee minutes.
Contracting and Procurement	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Local Delivery Team	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Digital implications	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Clinical involvement	Yes, as part of the Executive Committee membership.
Health inequalities	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Patient and public involvement	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Partner and/or other stakeholder engagement	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Other resources	Not applicable as highlight report only.

## Appendix 1 - Decisions Log – Public Executive Committee – May 2025

Agenda Item	Description	Decision/action
Winter Delivery and Assurance Group Terms of Reference	<p>The report provided the Committee with the proposal to establish a Winter Delivery and Assurance Group.</p> <p>The Winter Delivery and Assurance Group is proposed as a sub-group of the ICB Executive Committee. The Group will coordinate the development, monitoring and oversight of the system's winter priorities across health and care partners, focusing on time-bound delivery, risk management and evaluation.</p>	The Committee approved the establishment and the Terms of Reference for the Winter Delivery and Assurance Group
Healthcare Inequalities Annual Report	<p>The report provided the Committee with an update on progress against the health and healthcare inequality metrics.</p> <p>The report sets ambitions to 2030 for the reduction of inequalities, including the relative impact of interventions in achieving these.</p>	The Committee approved the inclusion of the report within the ICB Annual Report and Accounts
2025-26 Operational and Financial Plan	<p>This report provided the Committee with the final financial and operational plan for both the ICB and wider ICS for 2025/26.</p> <p>The ICBs financial plan has been received and accepted at national level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee recommended to Board the approval of the final ICB and ICS financial and operational plan submissions</li> <li>• The Committee recommended to Board the approval of the updated ICB revenue budgets for 2025/26 (as per Part A table 2) including those contracts which are above £30m</li> <li>• The Committee recommended to Board the approval of the ICS capital plan figures</li> </ul>
Digital Inclusion Strategy	The report provided the Committee with the NENC ICS Digital Inclusion Strategy.	The Committee recommended to Board the approval of the NENC ICS Digital Inclusion Strategy.

Agenda Item	Description	Decision/action
	<p>The NENC ICS Digital Inclusion Strategy has been developed in partnership with the NENC ICS Digital Inclusion Steering Group members and aligns with the corporate plan.</p> <p>The Strategy focusses on five key inter-linked themes, based on the national domains for action on digital inclusion. The Strategy underpins the NENC ICS Digital, Data and Technology Strategy and supports the 'left shift' in health and care</p>	
Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Approval Policy	<p>The report introduced a policy around the safe and appropriate use of Artificial Intelligence and guidance on how to implement within the North East and North Cumbria.</p> <p>It was noted that as the ICB progress and implement AI, we will refine and iterate this policy.</p>	The Committee approved the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and approval Policy.

## Appendix 2 – Decisions Log– Public Executive Committee – June 2025

Agenda Item	Description	Decision/action
Healthier and Fairer Financial Plan	<p>The Committee were provided with the proposed 2025/26 Healthier and Fairer Financial Plan.</p> <p>£3m of efficiencies have been identified across the programme. In line with the requirement of the ICB to reduce running and programme costs, the programme will continue to work towards further reductions in year as part of the ICB's quota.</p>	The Committee approved the 2025/26 Healthier and Fairer Financial Plan with the caveat that any programme underspend will be returned and reprioritised.
Learning Disability (LD) Network Impact Statement 2024/25	<p>This report provided the Committee with the impact statement of the LD Network's work for 2024/25 and the proposed 2025/26 work plan.</p> <p>The annual 'impact statement' illustrates how the network contributes to improving the lives of people with learning disability, autistic people and family carers across NENC.</p>	The Committee approved the publication of the Network's impact statement 2024/25 and the work programme priorities for 2025/26 subject to amendment following confirmation of model ICB strategic priorities.
Value Based Commissioning Policy	The Committee received the updated Value Based Clinical Commissioning Policy which detailed the addition of Tirzepatide for overweight and obesity.	The Committee approved the updated Value Based Clinical Commissioning Policy
Policies	<p>The following policies were presented to the Committee following an annual review and minor updates:</p> <p>The following Policies were reviewed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decommissioning Policy</li> <li>• Procurement Policy</li> <li>• Secure Data Environment (SDE) Disclosure Control, Output Checking and Release Policy</li> </ul>	The Committee approved the minor amends of the current policies and the new SDE policy