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Health, Housing and Adults Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2025

BLMK Health Services Strategy

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	To inform executive policy development	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pre-decision scrutiny	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Summary

The scrutiny committee has requested the BLMK Health Services Strategy as an item on the agenda for this meeting for discussion.

1. Recommendation

1.1 The Committee is invited to note and comment on the report and detail of the Health Services Strategy. Discussion is invited to take place about what the strategy means for the residents of Milton Keynes and how the committee and wide council can contribute to its successful delivery.

2. Background and overview

2.1 In March 2024, the ICB Board confirmed its commitment to the development of the Health Services Strategy to articulate and inform a long-term plan for the development and provision of healthcare services in response to very significant population growth and demographic change. Such a strategy would be essential to drive decision making and inform financial plans going forward. The BLMK Health Services Strategy describes how we - as leaders in the provision of health services in BLMK - commit to working together over the years ahead to ensure our Health Services are sustainable in the long-term.

2.2 The strategy spans the period to 2040. It is therefore high level and designed to be responsive to developments in medical technology, population change and the important work evolving elsewhere across health and care. It is consistent with the health and wellbeing strategies developed in our four constituent Places (Luton, Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, and Milton Keynes), the five

Strategic Priorities presented in our Integrated Health and Care Strategy, and our Joint Forward Plan. There have been broad and helpful discussions with a range of health providers and system partners informing the evolution of the strategy.

- 2.3 The BLMK Health Services Strategy was approved by the Board of the ICB in September 2024 published in October 2024 with six work programmes identified for its delivery. A further appendix is due to be presented to the Board and published later in 2025 detailing work.
- 2.4 Each of the six priority groups will develop an initial 24-month work programme with detailed goals around the initial areas of focus in this strategy and guided by SMART metrics. These will be presented to the Integrated Care Board for agreement when it meets in June 2025. A formal appendix to the strategy will then be published detailing these six SMART priority work programmes.

List of annexes

Annex A – The BLMK Health Services Strategy