

## **NORTHERN AREA HEALTH BOARD**

### **Report No F2/2004**

*Report from Finance and Property Committee Meeting  
Held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2004.*

#### **1. Minutes from Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.**

On a proposal by Cllr Devitt, seconded by Cllr Heney, the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Property Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 were agreed.

There were no matters arising.

#### **2. Annual Financial Statement, 2002 – Audit Certificate**

The Annual Financial Statement, Audit Certificate was presented by the Chief Executive (summary attached). Following discussion to which Cllr Heney, Cllr Devitt and Cllr Burke contributed and to which the Chief Executive and Director for Finance responded, it was agreed to recommend the Annual Financial Statement, 2002 – Audit Certificate for adoption by our Board.

#### **3. Annual Financial Statement, 2003**

The Annual Financial Statement, 2003 (copy herewith) was presented by the Chief Executive. Following discussions to which Mr Cowley, Cllr Heney, Cllr Devitt and Cllr Burke contributed, and to which the Chief Executive and Director of Finance responded, it was agreed to recommend the Northern Area Health Board Annual Financial Statement to our Board for adoption.

#### **4. Property Matters**

The presentation on proposed property disposals/capital developments made by the Eastern Regional Health Authority at a special meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2004, was made available for members, and noted.

Correspondence received from Cllr McGuire in relation to property and estate management issues at St Ita's Hospital, and the Chief Executives response, were noted.

The meeting concluded at 12.50pm.

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To each member of the Finance & Property Committee

## Annual Financial Statements 2002 – Audit Certificate

We have recently received our audit certificate in respect of 2002 Annual Financial Statements from the Comptroller & Auditor General (C& AG).

In his certificate the Comptroller & Auditor General has

(a) not qualified our accounts

(b) not included any reports under S.6(4) of the C & AG Act 1993.

Reports under S.6(4) are issued by the C&AG where very significant matters requiring corrective action have come to light in the course of the audit.

He did refer, without qualifying our accounts, to our Board's reported capital deficit as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002. Please refer to report below .

## Capital Deficit - AFS 2002

### 1. Summary of Capital Deficits 2001 to 2003

	<u>€000's</u>
Year ended 31st December 2001	56,371
Year ended 31st December 2002	38,966
Year ended 31st December 2003 (Unaudited)	35,009

### 2. Analysis of Capital Deficit year ended 31st December 2002

	<u>€000's</u>	<u>%</u>
Capital Deficit for 2002 of €38.966m can be further analysed as follows:		
a) Projects funded by ERHA post 2002	16,868	43.3%
b) Approved projects on which funding is due from ERHA	11,372	29.2%
c) Unfunded projects undertaken by the Board (see list below)	9,198	23.6%
Overruns on various projects including some which		
d) originated prior to establishment of NAHB	1,527	3.9%
Total Deficit as at 31st December 2002	<u>38,965</u>	<u>100%</u>

*List of Unfunded Projects :*

NAHB HQ Establishment	4,681
Oldtown – Construction of new health centre	437
Finglas Drug Treatment Centre	1,088
Lusk Community Nursing Unit	268
Darndale/Belcamp Village Centre	<u>2,724</u>
	<u>9,198</u>

**3. Commentary**

- a) The capital deficit for 2002 has shown significant improvements from the deficit level in place for 2001 and continues to improve as evidenced from deficit summary at 1) above.
- b) The analysis of the constituent elements of the capital deficit as at 31st December 2002 at 2) above forms an integral part of the 2002 AFS and as such has been reviewed by Comptroller & Auditor General.
- c) Considerable focus continues into 2004 on working with the Authority with a view to securing funding from DoHC to eliminate remaining deficits particularly relating to projects categorised under 2 c) and 2 d) above.

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**M Windle**  
**Chief Executive**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2004**