South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

| Paper No: SET/100/26 |
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| Trust Board Meeting: 24 June 2026 |
| Public Agenda Item 7.7 |

**Title of Paper:**

## Finance & Performance Committee: Revised Terms of Reference

| For Decision | For Assurance | For Information | For Discussion |
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| **1.0** | **Background:** |
| | As part of the Finance & Performance Committee's annual Programme of Work, the Committee is required to review its Terms of Reference to ensure alignment with its remit and good governance best practice.<br><br>The Committee's remit was last considered as part of its Terms of Reference review on 19 May 2025 with a revised Terms of Reference approved by Trust Board on 24 September 2025. |
| **2.0** | **Key Issues:** |
| | There have been a number of revisions made to the existing Terms of Reference following the introduction of the Support & Intervention Framework (SIF).<br><br>There were also a number of other minor revisions to ensure the Terms of Reference continued to maintain alignment with the Integrated Governance & Assurance Framework (IGAF), the Revised Code of Conduct & Code of Accountability of ALB Chairs & Board Members (October 2022), NI Audit Office Board Effectiveness Good Practice Guide (June 2022) as well as the HSC Board Members Handbook published by the Department of Health (DoH) (May 2021).<br><br>The draft revised Terms of Reference was considered and approved by the Committee at its recent meeting held on 22 June 2026 and are tabled for Trust Board approval. |
| **3.0** | **Link to Strategic Objectives:** |
| | Our People ☒<br>Population Health & Health Inequalities ☐<br>Delivering Care Closer to Home ☐<br>Hospital Care ☐<br>Safety, Quality and Experience of Care ☐ |
| **4.0** | **Resource Implications (inc Organisational, Financial, Human Resources):** |
| | 1. Organisational |
| | Ensuring an updated fit for purpose Committee Terms of Reference is an essential governance task. |

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| | 2. Financial |
| | None identified. |
| | 3. Human Resources |
| | None identified. |
| | 4. Environmental Factors? Yes ☐ No ☒ |
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| **5.0** | **Impact on Safety, Quality and Experience (SQE):** |
| | 1. Safety |
| | None identified. |
| | 2. Quality |
| | None identified. |
| | 3. Experience |
| | None identified. |
| **6.0** | **Key Risks and Proposals to Mitigate:** |
| | 1. Key Risks |
| | None identified. |
| | 2. Proposals to Mitigate |
| | None identified. |
| **7.0** | **Risk Register:** |
| | It is listed on BAF? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Is it listed on CRR? Yes ☐ No ☒ |

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| **Lead Director:** | **Claire Smyth, Director of People & Organisational Development** |
| **Date:** | **23 June 2026** |

## Reasons for Paper Presentation

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| ***Approval*** | *Used when an item requires a formal agreement or endorsement by the meeting / committee members. Examples are approving minutes, budgets, proposals or policies.* |
| ***Assurance*** | *Used when an item can be measured against a certain criteria / standard. Examples are a project is on course with delivery or financial targets are being met.* |
| ***Information*** | *Used when an item is presented for the purpose of updating or informing the attendees without requiring a decision or action, such as reports, updates, or announcements.* |
| ***Discussion*** | *Used when an item is listed primarily for open discussion, brainstorming or gathering input from the members without requiring an immediate decision.* |