

WOKINGHAM HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Building Berkshire Together Update

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Background

- In Oct 2019 the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT) was placed on the New Hospital Programme (NHP)
- The RBFT is in Cohort 4 of the NHP - which means being full adopters of the new approach to building new hospitals
- This is called '**Hospital 2.0**' and means, for example;
 - standardised designs
 - centralised processes and
 - Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)
- It is anticipated that, through the programmatic approach this will deliver economies of scale, such as reductions in time and cost to build new healthcare facilities

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New Hospital Programme

- On 23 May 2023 announcement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care as £20bn
- An additional 5 hospitals were added to the programme which have RAAC (*Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete*)
- Some hospitals currently on the scheme are not be able to deliver before 2030, due to both constraints on the funding allocation but also supply chain issues
- The scheduling of RBFT has not been decided yet. This can only be decided after some further work with the New Hospital Programme (NHP)



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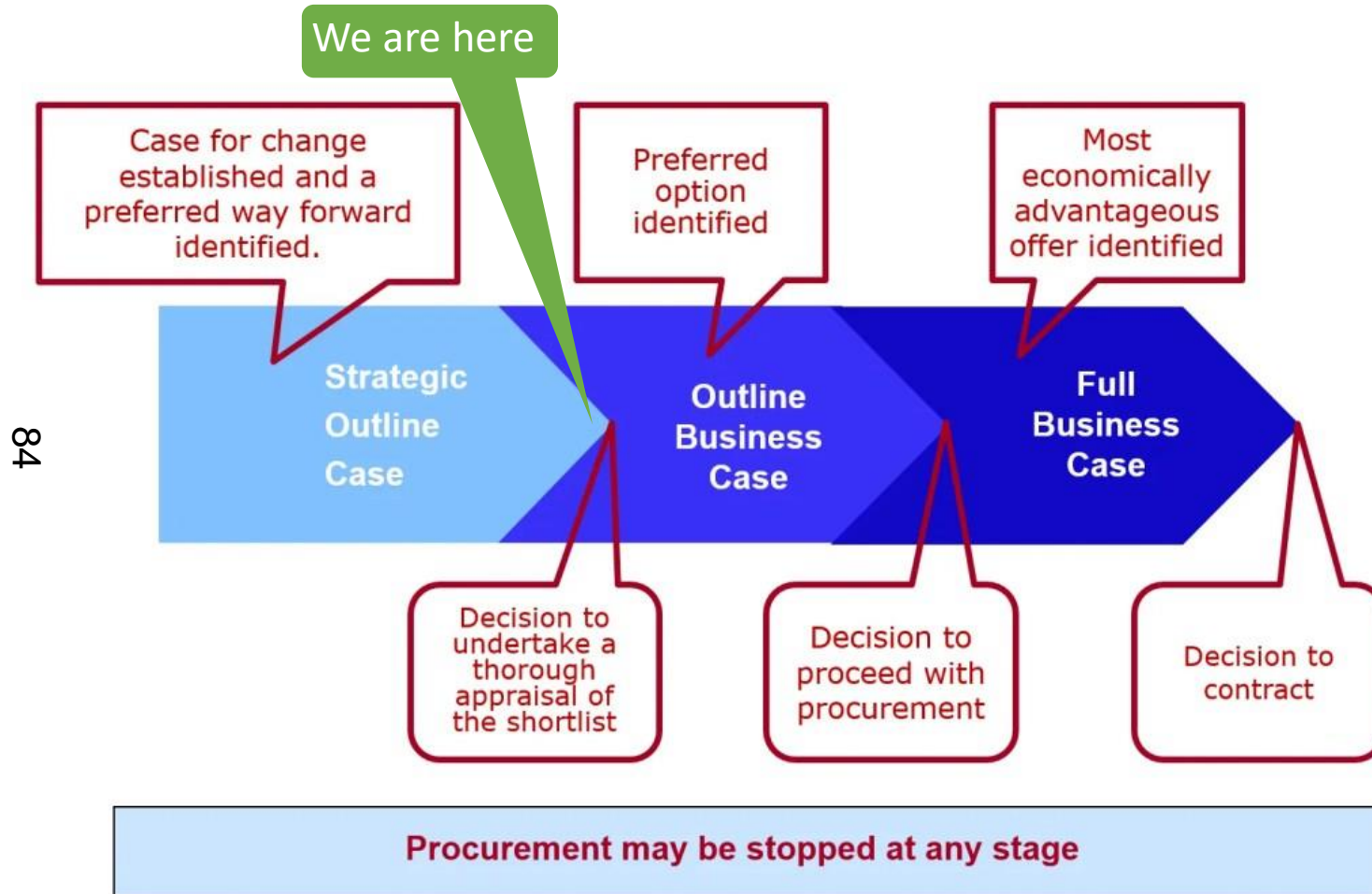


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The Business Case Process



In Dec 2020 the Trust submitted a Strategic Outline Case (SOC). The options to take forward from the SOC were:

1. Whole new hospital

- On site - est £995m (partial)
- New site – est £1.3bn (*excluding land purchase or sale costs*)

2. *Part new build/part refurbishment on existing site – (new Elective Block and Urgent Care Block) est £785m

(*requested by NHP to deliver on reduced envelope)

Summary

- This year (April 2023-March 2024) is focussed on the NHP gathering information about the schemes in order agree a final scheme, funding and schedule as part of NHP submission of an updated Programme Business Case to Treasury outlining the detailed plan
- The proposals will start the governance process in December 2023 of going through NHP, NHSEI/DHSC/Treasury and Ministers and is due to complete by end of March 2024
- We are carrying out Geotechnical surveys of the site to understand its ability to build a Hospital 2.0 - full report due April 2024
- We are carrying out due diligence on alternative sites within Wokingham Borough Council and Reading Borough Council



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Engagement

Regular attendance at local events including MELA, Kenyan Family Day, PRIDE, Heritage Open Day at the Old Library at Royal Berks, Older People's Day at Broad Street Mall and connecting with young people through our Youth Forum.

Events calendar and write ups are all on our website www.buildingberkshiretogether.co.uk



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Next Steps

- Work with NHP to finalise our scheme and input into national standards for new hospitals
- With partners update assumptions that drive the size of the new hospital
- Review principles that determine whether and where a new site could be
- Understand impact of a move away from the current site on populations
- Undertake due-diligence on viability of sites (including existing site)
- Site visits for local Councillors

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