

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD**MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023 – 1PM****RIVER CLYDE HOMES, CLYDE VIEW, 22 POTTERY STREET, GREENOCK**

Present: Councillors E Robertson (Chair), S McCabe, G Brooks and L Quinn (Inverclyde Council), Chief Superintendent L Waddell (Police Scotland), Ms L Bayston (Skills Development Scotland), Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport), Ms F Simpson, (Scottish Government), Ms K Wallace (NatureScot), Mr S Frew (Scottish Enterprise), Mr R Turnock (River Clyde Homes), Ms C Elliott (CVS Inverclyde) and Mr P Fagen (West College Scotland).

In attendance: Ms L Long, Ms R Binks, Mr S Jamieson, Ms M Rae, Mr T McEwan, Mr H Scott, Mr R Scullion, Mr G Barbour, Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Inverclyde Council) and Ms K Rocks (Inverclyde HSCP).

Prior to the commencement of business Board Members and officers visited the Biomass Plant located within River Clyde Homes Prospecthill Court, Greenock. Officers from River Clyde Homes provided information on the Biomass plant and highlighting the importance of district heating systems.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms S Kelly, Skills Development Scotland with Ms L Bayston substituting, Ms S Rae, West College Scotland with Mr P Fagen substituting, Mr R Cowan MP and Mr S McMillan MSP.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of 13 March 2023 was submitted and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Inverclyde Task Force is scheduled to take place on Monday 26 June 2023 and that it be remitted to officers to provide an update report to the next meeting of the Alliance Board.

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD ACTION TRACKER

There was submitted an action tracker arising from previous decisions of the Alliance Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the actions on the tracker be noted; and
- (2) that the revised action tracker be submitted to the next meeting of the Board taking account of the comments made at the meeting.

ACTIVE INVERCLYDE STRATEGY 2021-2024 ACTION PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council presenting the Active Inverclyde Strategy 2021-2024 Action Plan for approval.

Decided:

- (1) that the Active Inverclyde Strategy 2021-2024 Action Plan be approved;
- (2) that agreement be given to an annual review and reporting on Action Plan progress; and
- (3) that it be remitted to officers to submit an evaluation report to a future meeting highlighting the findings of the Active Inverclyde Sports Strategy survey to help understand

activity levels within Inverclyde and to identify potential areas for development in the future.

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2023-2026 & VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS STRATEGY 2023-2026

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council (1) outlining a proposal to separate the Community Safety Strategy 2023-2026 and the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2023-2026 documents, and (2) seeking approval for both strategy documents. The Board also heard a presentation by Ross Scullion, Team Leader Community Safety & Resilience, Inverclyde Council providing information on the strategic priorities of both strategies. Thereafter, Mr Scullion answered a number of questions from Members in relation to the presentation.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the separation of the Community Safety Strategy 2023-2026 and the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2023-2026 documents;
- (2) that the Community Safety Strategy 2023-2026 and the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2023-2026 be approved; and
- (3) that it be remitted to officers to submit an evaluation report to a future meeting on the Community Safety Partnership Hub.

RESETTLEMENT AND WIDER DISPERSAL IN INVERCLYDE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on Resettlement and Wider Dispersal in Inverclyde. At the conclusion of discussion of this item of business, the Chief Officer acknowledged and congratulated Neil Cree, Adult Community Nursing Team Lead on his nomination for the Adult Nursing Award at the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year awards in recognition of his work in setting up the Community Asylum Team.

Decided:

- (1) that the range of support provided by a range of partners in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (2) that the Board recognise Mr Cree's achievement in being nominated for the Adult Nursing Award at the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year awards.

TREE PLANTING IN INVERCLYDE

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration, Inverclyde Council (1) providing an update on the tree planting activities undertaken by the Council over the course of the last year, and (2) providing commentary in respect of potential future opportunities. Councillor Robertson advised the Board that written submissions had been submitted by Ronnie Cowan MP which were read out to the Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the activity associated with tree planting in the last year be noted;
- (2) that the written submissions received from Mr Cowan be noted;
- (3) that it be recognised that this agenda will be further developed through Inverclyde Councils Committee process; and
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to submit an implementation plan to a future meeting.

LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2023

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the LOIP Programme Board providing an update on the progress which has been made in implementing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2022.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Population

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Population Partnership Group providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in implementing the Population priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the Population priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

Economy

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment and Regeneration, Inverclyde Council, providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in implementing the Economy priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the Economy priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

Inequalities

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership, providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in the implementation of the Inequalities priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017–2022 and including a flash report.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in implementing the Inequalities priority of the LOIP 2017-22 be noted; and
- (2) that the Board note and recognise the achievement of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership in gaining Medical Assisted Treatment standards.

Environment

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Environment Group providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in the implementation of the Environment priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the Environment priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

Cultural and Heritage

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in the implementation of the Cultural and Heritage priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the Cultural and Heritage priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

At the conclusion of discussion on this item Councillor Robertson extended thanks to all officers involved in the work undertaken in the implementation of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2022.

PARTNER DISCUSSION ON NET ZERO COMMITMENTS AND AMBITIONS

A discussion with the Alliance Board followed on Net Zero commitments and ambitions. The discussion focused on the plans of partner organisations in relation to what they are currently doing in Inverclyde to meet their Net Zero commitment and to promote biodiversity, plans for future implementation to meet their commitments, barriers and challenges and partnership opportunities. The discussion also included a presentation by Mr Richard Turnock, Chief Executive, River Clyde Homes providing information on the development of River Clyde Homes Energy Strategy. It was noted that each partner organisation will arrange to forward on notes of their commitments to allow officers from Inverclyde Council to compile a report for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board will take place at 1pm on Monday 2 October within the offices of West College Scotland.