

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024

RIVER CLYDE HOMES, CLYDE VIEW, 22 POTTERY STREET, GREENOCK

Present: Councillors E Robertson (Chair), G Brooks, J Clocherty, L Quinn (Inverclyde Council), Ms V Cloney (CVS), Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Passenger Transport), Mr R Turnock and Mr S McLachlan (River Clyde Homes), Mr P Fagen (West College Scotland), Dr B Von Wissman (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde), Mr S Frew (Scottish Enterprise) and Mr J McGowan (Office of Martin McCluskey MP).

In attendance: Mr S Jamieson, Ms R Binks, Ms M Rae, Ms R Braddick, Mr T McEwan, Mr H Scott, Mr R Scullion, Mr M Holcombe and Ms L Carrick (Inverclyde Council), Ms K Rocks, Mr J Hinds and Ms M Coyle, (Inverclyde HSCP).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McCabe, with Councillor Clocherty substituting, Ms C Elliott (CVS), with Ms V Cloney substituting, Mr M McCluskey MP, with Mr J McGowan substituting, Ms S Rae (West College Scotland), with Mr P Fagen substituting, Ms L Bayston (Skills Development Scotland), Ms K Wallace (Nature Scot), Area Commander K Murphy (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Dr F Simpson, Ms D Macdonald (Scottish Government), Ms L Long, Mr N McIlvanney (Inverclyde Council) and Mr S McMillan MSP.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Chair conveyed her thanks and appreciation to River Clyde Homes officers for hosting the meeting.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of 7 October 2024 was submitted and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

MARMOT PLACES SCOTLAND

Ms Binks, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council informed the Alliance Board that Inverclyde has not been selected as a Marmot Place. It was noted that Inverclyde, along with five other local authorities, were shortlisted with only three being successful, North Ayrshire, Argyll & Bute, and South Lanarkshire. She further advised that she is uncertain if there is a second phase and that officers intend to engage with the team, but there are potential opportunities for other types of similar work to be undertaken. The Chair conveyed her thanks to all officers involved in the work undertaken on this matter.

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.

PARTNER PRESENTATION BY MIKE HOLCOMBE – CLYDE MURSHIEL REGIONAL PARK

The Board heard a presentation by Mike Holcombe, Senior Ranger, Clyde Murshiel Regional Park. The presentation provided information on the history of the park, the role of Ranger and the variety of activities available which included upcoming events, exhibitions and environmental educational activities. Thereafter, Mr Holcombe answered questions from Members. On behalf of the Alliance Board, the Chair thanked Mr Holcombe for attending the meeting and for the work undertaken in his role as Ranger as detailed in the presentation. Mr Fagen joined the meeting during this item of business.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

INVERCLYDE PARTNERSHIP PLAN BIENNIAL PROGRESS REPORT APRIL 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 2024

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing a progress report on the implementation of the Partnership Plan 2023-2033. The Board heard presentations by the Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Children & Families Criminal Justice Services, Inverclyde HSCP, the Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Inverclyde Council and the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development providing oversight and delivery of the Partnership Plan. Thereafter Mr Hinds, Ms Binks and Mr McEwan answered a number of questions from members. The Chair conveyed her thanks to all officers involved in the work undertaken on the implementation of the Partnership Plan.

Decided: that progress made towards the implementation of the Partnership Plan be noted.

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing information on plans to further develop Inverclyde Alliance and its meeting and reporting arrangements

Decided: that the plans to further develop Inverclyde Alliance and its meeting and reporting arrangements as detailed in the appendices to the report be agreed.

PARTNER UPDATES ON 2025 EVENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

The Board discussed partner updates, upcoming events and significant activities occurring in 2025. The discussion focused on each of the partners providing an overview of their partnership-based work with others, recent success in Inverclyde and emerging issues. During discussion of this item, Mr Stevie McLachlan, Director of Customer Experience at River Clyde Homes informed Members of the two Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland Housing Awards recently received by River Clyde Homes. It was noted that the River Clyde Homes was honoured for its work with Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership to improve outcomes for homeless individuals in the area and Net Zero in Housing which recognised the organisation's commitment to sustainability and innovation in the housing sector.

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing a draft version of the Inverclyde Alliance Annual Report 2023-2024 for approval. At the conclusion of discussion on this item, the Chair extended her thanks to all officers involved for their work on the report.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Alliance Annual Report 2023-2024 be approved.

INVERCLYDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2024-2029

There was submitted a report by Maxine Ward, Head of Service, Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Inverclyde HSCP (1) presenting the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2024-2029 to the Alliance Board for awareness, and (2) seeking approval of the Strategy for publication and approval.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2024-2029 be noted; and
- (2) that the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2024-2029 be approved for publication and implementation.

INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP 2023-24 ACTIVITY UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing a progress report on the Community Safety Partnership in Inverclyde, presenting key partnership activity during 2023-24 and setting out the proposed partnership actions for the period 2024-25.

Decided: that the activity of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership as detailed in the annual report and action plan for 2025 appended to the report be noted.

INVERCLYDE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) PARTNERSHIP 2023-2024 OUTTURN REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing a progress report of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Inverclyde and highlighting key activities during 2023-24. During the course of discussion on this item, it was suggested that a presentation on the profile of Scotland's first Bairns Hoose which was developed in partnership with Children 1st, the University of Edinburgh, Victim Support Scotland and local partners in the North Strathclyde area be made at a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress and activity of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership 2023-2024 be noted; and
- (2) that a presentation on the profile of Scotland's first Bairns Hoose be made at a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

INVERCLYDE HSCP STRATEGIC OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the development of an Outcomes Framework to compliment the new Strategic Partnership Plan published in May 2024.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed Outcomes Framework for further development and future reporting be endorsed.

TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLANS

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration, Inverclyde Council providing an update on the Town Centre Action Plans for Gourock, Greenock and Port Glasgow which were approved by Inverclyde Council's Environment & Regeneration Committee.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

TREE MANAGEMENT AND PLANTING STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration, Inverclyde Council providing an update on a Tree Management and Planting Strategy which was approved by Inverclyde Council's Environment & Regeneration Committee.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

TOWN BOARD UPDATE

Mr S Jamieson, Director Environment & Regeneration, Inverclyde Council provided a brief overview on the progress of the Town Board in terms of the £20m UK Government investment to support the long-term regeneration of Greenock Town Centre. He informed the Alliance Board that the UK Government is committed to the allocation of the funding. He stated that having recently met with representatives of the Scottish Office, it was confirmed that funding for Greenock remains part of the UK Government's spending plans.

PROGRAMME OF ALLIANCE BOARD MEETINGS 2025

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to agree to a programme of dates for meetings of the Inverclyde Alliance Board to December 2025.

Decided: that meetings of the Alliance Board be held as follows:-

Monday 17 March 2025 – 1pm

Monday 16 June 2025 – 1pm

Monday 6 October 2025 – 1pm

Monday 1 December 2025 – 1pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board will take place on Monday 17 March 2025 at 1pm.