

INVERCLYDE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 12 MAY 2020

Inverclyde Integration Joint Board

Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 2pm

Present: Councillors J Clocherty and E Robertson, Mr S Carr and Mr A Cowan (both by telephone), Ms L Long and Ms L Aird.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

49 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 49

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of business, Ms Long referred to a number of questions and comments submitted by Members of the Integration Board (IJB) in relation to the items of business to be considered at the meeting.

It was agreed that these submissions, together with Ms Long's written responses, be circulated to all Members of the IJB in due course.

50 **Inverclyde Integration Joint Board – Temporary Meeting and Decision-Making Arrangements** 50

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an overview of the interim governance arrangements for the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the scheduled meeting of 19 May 2020 is cancelled; and
- (3) that it be agreed to continue with the current temporary meeting and decision-making arrangements for a further month and to review the position thereafter with a view to holding a full meeting of the Integration Joint Board on the scheduled date of 23 June 2020 using telephone or other remote meeting arrangements as available.

51 **COVID-19 Inverclyde Response** 51

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on a number of areas of work in relation to Inverclyde's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was clarified that the statistics relating to deaths in paragraph 2.4 of the report covered the period 23 March to 19 April 2020.

HSCP Interim Operating Arrangements

In response to a question from Diana McCrone, NHS Staff Representative regarding implementation of "Attend Anywhere", Ms Long confirmed that a meeting was taking place that afternoon with a view to understanding the learning and determining a clear timeline for rollout.

Following discussion on Ms McCrone's further question regarding the use of IT

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equipment to enable expansion of the current remote working arrangements, it was agreed that this should be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the IJB.

Testing

Ms Long referred to concerns intimated to her by Christina Boyd, Carer Representative, including testing for carers and the requirement for key workers to travel to Glasgow Airport for this. She explained that this was a recently-established UK government initiative for key workers in other community settings and those who cannot work from home. Symptomatic HSCP workers, their families and providers including care at home, care homes and the hospice were currently being provided with testing during week days at the Inverclyde staff testing centre based at Port Glasgow Health Centre. The requirement for other key workers to travel to Glasgow Airport was a matter which had been raised at the Council's Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee on 5 May when it had been agreed to make representations to the Scottish Government regarding the expansion of local testing provision. To expedite matters, Ms Long had also written to the Director of Public Health regarding the introduction of a mobile testing unit.

Recovery Plan

It was noted also that Councillor Quinn had raised the fact that the proposed recovery structure which was reported to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee on 5 May did not include provision for IJB Board Members on the HSCP Recovery Group.

Ms Long explained that the draft recovery plan, which would use a risk-based approach, would require to be submitted to the Strategic Planning Group for consideration prior to its submission to the Integration Joint Board which would provide an opportunity for issues such as group membership to be raised and she confirmed she would contact Councillor Quinn regarding this proposed course of action.

Decided:

- (1) that the items contained within the report be noted;
- (2) that a presentation be made to the Integration Joint Board once the analysis of Inverclyde COVID-19 related deaths, as requested by the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee, has been completed;
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the IJB on the use of reserves to support funding for Information Technology to allow the extension of portable working for HSCP staff, including the procurement of additional equipment if required, and in the meantime, the Chief Officer progress action in this regard within her delegated powers;
- (4) that the HSCP draft digital strategy be submitted to the next meeting of the IJB;
- (5) that the Inverclyde HSCP Assessment Centre remain open for at least a further four week period; and
- (6) that a report be submitted on the plans to develop the humanitarian work referred to a section 5.10 of the report.

52 COVID-19 Mobilisation Plan

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval of the COVID-19 Mobilisation Plan which outlines the measures and associated costs being put in place locally to address the emerging impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Aird referred to the report on Support to Care Homes (Item 5) and confirmed that the removal of the additional 50 care home beds at the end of the initial 12 week contract and an increase in Homelessness Temporary Accommodation requirements linked to early prisoner releases would reduce the total cost of the mobilisation plan from £8.854m in the 27 April submission to £7.513m in the 14 May submission.

It was noted that no clarification had been received to date regarding the use of

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reserves and the view was expressed by IJB members that it would be unfair to penalise those IJBs holding reserves in terms of funding allocated.

Decided:

- (1) that the process for development, review and weekly submission of mobilisation plans be noted;
- (2) that the Integration Joint Board note the Scottish Government's agreement in principle of the submission so far and confirmation of the initial £0.785m of funding announced on 12 May;
- (3) that approval be given to the actions as outlined in the mobilisation plan on the basis that the £0.450m of the 2019/20 and £7.063m of the 2020/21 COVID-19 costs are expected to be funded through the Scottish Government COVID-19 funding; and
- (4) that the Chief Officer be authorised to issue directions to the Chief Executives of the Health Board and Inverclyde Council to implement the updated £7.513m mobilisation plan.

53 Support to Care Homes – COVID-19

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the IJB of the preparation and actions taken by the HSCP to support care homes in Inverclyde during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the course of discussion on this item, the IJB Members expressed the view that the current arrangement to purchase 50 care home beds for 12 weeks until the middle of June 2020 under the National Care Home Contract should not be renewed.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the continued implementation of the delayed discharge mobilisation plan to address the pressures presented by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (2) that the removal of the projected costings for an additional 20 care home beds from the mobilisation plan finance return be noted;
- (3) that the current arrangement to purchase 50 care home beds for 12 weeks until mid-June 2020 under the National Care Homes Contract be noted and that it be agreed that the contract be not renewed thereafter; and
- (4) that it be noted that additional costs relating to these proposals will be covered from a combination of existing budgets and from additional Scottish Government funding linked to the COVID mobilisation returns.