Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 20 August 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors McCabe, MacLeod, McKenzie, Moran, Jackson, Brooks, Robertson, Crowther (for C McEleny), Quinn, Dorrian and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, Head of Health & Community Care, IJB Chief Financial Officer and Interim Head of Strategy & Support Services, Interim Head of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Recovery Services, Ms S White (for Chief Financial Officer), Social Care Finance Manager, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Technical Services Manager, Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

The meeting was held by video conference.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

284 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 5 (Champions Board Proud2Care) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 7 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors MacLeod and Robertson.

285 COVID-19 - Presentation

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The Board heard a presentation by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on Inverclyde's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation provided information on the impact of the pandemic, the position in relation to care homes, an overview of the planning approach adopted and established principles applied, the recovery strategy put in place and the learning experience and strengths which had become apparent as a result of the crisis.

Thereafter the Corporate Director and other officers answered a number of questions from Members.

286 HSCP COVID-19 Recovery Planning Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the COVID-19 recovery planning process prior to entering Phase 3 of the recovery plan which runs from August 2020 until February 2021.

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Decided:

- (1) that the progress made with regard to local services and plans in preparation for the transition to Phase 3 of the HSCP recovery plan which runs from August 2020 until February 2021 be noted; and
- (2) that a report on the communication plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

287 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Outturn 2019/20 and 2020/21 Revenue Outturn Position as at 30 June 2020

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on (1) the outturn of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget which was provisional, subject to the audit of the year-end accounts, and (2) the projected outturn on Revenue and Capital for 2020/21 as at 30 June 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2019/20 Revenue Budget outturn overspend of £249,000 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the underspend at the 2019/20 year-end will be funded by the Integration Joint Board Free Reserves;
- (3) that it be agreed to note the projected current year revenue outturn of an underspend of £73,000 as at 30 June 2020 on the assumption that £3.25m costs associated with COVID-19 will be fully funded by additional Scottish Government grant;
- (4) that the current projected Capital position be noted; and
- (5) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted.

288 Learning Disability (LD) Redesign – LD Community Hub

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the decision taken by Inverclyde Council in early 2020 to include £7.4m funding within the 2020/23 Capital Programme for the new Learning Disability (LD) Community Hub at the former Hector McNeil Baths site and (2) advising of ongoing development work relative to the design of the LD Hub.

Decided:

- (1) that the decision of Inverclyde Council in early 2020 to include £7.4m within the 2020/23 Capital Programme for the new Learning Disability Community Hub at the former Hector McNeil Baths site be noted:
- (2) that it be noted that despite services being diverted to respond to COVID-19, virtual work continues with Property Services to develop the site in terms of the early building concept and that online consultation is being carried out with service users facilitated by The Advisory Group; and
- (3) that it be noted that service user, carer and staff consultation will be a key consideration in the development of the LD Community Hub.

Councillor Robertson declared (1) a non-financial in the following item (Champions Board Proud2Care) as the result of a close personal relationship with certain users of the services described in the report and (2) a financial interest in the item thereafter (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) as a paid consultant for Spark of Genius, one of the organisations listed in the report and she left the meeting at this juncture, prior to consideration of the two items.

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289 Champions Board Proud2Care

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the activities of Proud2Care and the partnership work in establishing Inverclyde's Champions Board over the last three years.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals set out in the report to continue the funding and resourcing of Proud2Care, including the partnership with Your Voice;
- (3) that arrangements be made for a presentation to Members at a future date by the young people involved in the ongoing work of the Champions Board and Proud2Care; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the educational attainment of the young people for whom the Council has a corporate parenting responsibility.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

290 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned Social Care Services.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence at the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the governance report for the period 25 March to 20 July 2020 be noted; and
- (2) that Members acknowledge that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and Managing Poorly Performing Services Guidance within the Contract Management Framework as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.