

**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 29 APRIL 2021**

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**Health & Social Care Committee**

**Thursday 29 April 2021 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, J McEleny, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

**Chair:** Councillor Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Children, Families & Criminal Justice, Interim Head of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Recovery Service, Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms S White (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms D Sweeney and Mr C MacDonald (Legal 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.**

**195      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      195**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Brooks, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny and Robertson declared interests in Agenda Item 4 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations).

**196      Health & Social Care Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operation Log      196**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on Health and Social Care Services including the current service response to COVID-19 and related interim changes to services.

During consideration of this item, the Convener paused the meeting for a recess at 3.20pm to resolve the connectivity issues experienced by several Councillors and officers. The meeting reconvened at 3.35pm. Councillors Dorrian and Jackson subsequently re-joined the meeting during this item. Councillor Rebecchi could not reconnect to the meeting and did not rejoin.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the update on the Community Assessment Centre be noted;
- (2) that the update on the Care Homes, including the vaccination programme, be noted;
- (3) that the additional governance put in place to provide oversight and support to Care Homes be noted;
- (4) that the additional support as detailed in Paragraph 4.4 of the report to undertake individual Care Home resident reviews, as requested by the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, be approved;

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- (5) that the update on the closure of Sir Gabriel Woods Mariners Home be noted;
- (6) that the progress of the new Greenock Health Centre project, including the delivery of community benefits, be noted;
- (7) that the appointment of the Independent Chair of the Alcohol & Drug Partnership be noted;
- (8) that it be noted that a Members' Briefing on the Drug Death Action Plan will be held on a date in June 2021;
- (9) that the update on progress in relation to the Learning Disability Hub as detailed in Paragraph 4.10 of the report be noted;
- (10) that (a) the successful application for £250,000 to support the development of The Promise (I Promise Inverclyde) be noted and that (b) it be noted that a report will be brought back to Committee on this matter;
- (11) that it be noted that the projected revenue outturn for Social Work as at 28 February 2021 is an underspend of £40,000;
- (12) that it be noted that the approval to accept the most economically advantageous tender has been granted through the use of Emergency Powers for the completion of Crosshill Care Home and that a programme of completion will be advised upon appointment of the main contractor;
- (13) that the progress update on the design and technical element of the new Learning Disability Hub as detailed in Paragraphs 4.10 and 4.13 of the report be noted; and
- (14) that it be noted that the projected spend from the Earmarked Reserves is £5.214m and expenditure is currently 3.1% behind phased budget.

### 197 **Inverclyde Adult Support and Protection Partnership – Feedback Findings from Completed Joint Inspection Activity**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the outcome of the Inverclyde Joint Adult Protection Inspection led by the Care Inspectorate, Health Improvement Scotland and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Police.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the report and the positive outcome regarding the recent Adult Support and Protection Inspection be noted, particularly the identification of key strengths;
- (2) that the actions contained in the Quality Improvement Plan as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be agreed; and
- (3) that it be agreed that a further report will be brought to Committee in March 2022 to advise the Committee of completed actions in relation to the Quality Improvement Plan.

**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.**

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**198 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.

The following Councillors declared non-financial interests in this item:

Councillor MacLeod as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out;

Councillor Brooks as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes;

Councillor Robertson as a member of the Management Committee of Financial Fitness;

Councillor J McEleny as a family member works for Alzheimer's Scotland;

Councillor Jackson as he works with Quarriers Village Supported Living;

all five Councillors formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Councillor McKenzie left the meeting during consideration of this item.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Governance report for the period 29 January to 26 March 2021 be noted; and

(2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and managing purely performing services guidance within the contract management framework is sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.