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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 August 2021</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Consultation in Relation to Reforming Adult Social Care Support and the National Care Service</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Social Care Committee regarding the Scottish Governments consultation in respect of The National Care Service.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 A consultation on plans to create a National Care Service in Scotland is to be launched on 9 August 2021 and will close on 18 October 2021.
- 2.2 The consultation follows from an Independent Review of Adult Social Care (known as the Feeley Review) which recommended the setting up of a National Care Service.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Health and Social Care Committee are asked to note the content of the consultation and the work that will be required to seek views across the authority.
- 3.2 Given the timescales, members are asked to agree to participate in a Member's workshop in order to make a facilitated contribution to consultation response.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 During the pandemic the Scottish Government commissioned a review of Adult Social Care in Scotland (commonly known as the Feeley Review).
- 4.2 The review was undertaken in a short timescale and in its conclusions recommended the creation of a National Care Service.
- 4.3 Following the review Scottish Government set out a commitment to begin formal consultation for the new National Care Service early in the current parliament.
- 4.4 The consultation is now live. The consultation was launched on 9 August and is scheduled to close on 18 October 2021.

[A National Care Service for Scotland - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](https://consult.gov.scot)

- 4.5 Stakeholders are being asked by government to assist in the consultation process by participating and, where appropriate, facilitating responses. Government are preparing engagement packs and strategies to support this process however these are not yet available.
- 4.6 Given that the consultation is likely to have a significant impact on the Council and the provision of HSCP Services as well as on staff, plans will be developed to ensure as wide engagement as possible.
- 4.7 In addition the consultation will address critical issues in respect of the future of the Social Work provision and therefore a Social Work professional response will be submitted by the Chief Social Work Officer which will be based on consultation with the Social Work and Social Care workforce.
- 4.8 The consultation will be across the following areas: -
  - Improving Care for People
  - The scope of the National Care Service
  - Community Health and Social Care Records
  - Commissioning of Services
  - Regulation
  - Our Work and Valuing of the Workforce
- 4.9 Following the close of the consultation it is expected that legislation will be brought forward in this parliamentary session.

Given the full potential of the implications members are asked to consider participation in a facilitated workshop in order to inform and contribute to any subsequent consultation response.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday 25 August 2021 at 3pm.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 N/A

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

**Finance**

## 6.1 Financial Implications:

### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A			£20,000		

### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

## Legal

6.2 N/A

## Human Resources

6.3 The proposals within the consultation document will have a significant impact on large parts of the local government workforce.

## Equalities

6.4 Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

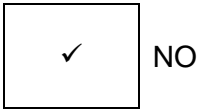
Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
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## **Repopulation**

6.5 N/A

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 N/A

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 N/A