

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 10 JUNE 2021

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 10 June 2021 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery, Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery, Interim Head of Legal Services, Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Ms D Sweeney, Ms L Carrick and Ms S MacMaster (Legal Services), ICT Services Manager and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by videoconference.

Reverend Alan Sorensen opened the proceedings with a prayer.

245 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 245

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

246 The Inverclyde Council – 22 April 2021 246

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

247 Audit Committee – 27 April 2021 247

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

248 Planning Board (Special) – 28 April 2021 at 10am 248

Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.

249 Planning Board (Special) – 28 April 2021 at 2.30pm 249

Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.

250 Health & Social Care Committee – 29 April 2021 250

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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251	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 4 May 2021	251
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
252	The Inverclyde Council (Special) – 4 May 2021	252
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
253	Planning Board – 5 May 2021	253
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
254	Local Review Body – 5 May 2021	254
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
255	Education & Communities Committee – 11 May 2021	255
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
256	General Purposes Board – 12 May 2021	256
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
257	Policy & Resources Committee – 25 May 2021	257
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
258	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 27 May 2021	258
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey	
259	Planning Board – 2 June 2021	259
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
260	Local Review Body – 2 June 2021	260
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
261	COVID–19 Update	261

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director, Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on actions taken to mitigate the risks around the COVID-19 outbreak.

During the course of discussion on this item the Interim Service Director, Environment & Economic Recovery provided an update on local vaccination figures advising that as of 9 June 2021, 79% of the Inverclyde adult population had received a first dose and 51% had received a second dose.

Decided:

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- (1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (2) that the Local Government Overview 2021 report published by Audit Scotland on 27 May 2021, which advises of Local Government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and specifically references Inverclyde Council's early financial planning, be noted.

262 Organisational Recovery Plan 262

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director, Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (1) seeking approval for the Organisational Recovery Plan 2021-22 and (2) appending the Partnership Recovery Plan 2021-22 which will be presented to the Inverclyde Alliance Board on 14 June 2021 for noting.

Decided:

- (1) that the Organisational Recovery Plan for 2021-22 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and;
- (2) that the Partnership Recovery Plan 2021-22 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

263 Financial Strategy 2021/31 - Update 263

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director, Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery providing the updated Financial Strategy 2021/22-2030/31 (June 2021) for review and approval, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the latest revision of the Financial Strategy be approved;
- (2) that officers will review all funding models for potential savings as part of the 2022/23 Revenue Budget; and
- (3) that it be noted the impact the one-off use of £4.0million of Reserves in 2022/23 will have on the estimated funding gap in 2023/24.

264 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings to June 2022 264

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services seeking approval of a schedule of Committee Cycles for the period to June 2022.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the proposed cycle of Council, Committee and Board meetings for the year to June 2022, as detailed in the Appendix to the report; and
- (2) it be approved that no changes are made to the current joint Education & Communities Committee meeting arrangement and that the matter be considered by the next Council Administration as part of any review of meeting arrangements.

265 Proposals for the Future Delivery of Council/Committee Meetings 265

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director, Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery seeking approval for proposals regarding the delivery of Council, Committee and Board meetings during the period whilst social distancing is in place and thereafter.

Decided:

- (1) that the continuation of fully remote/recorded meetings while social distancing is a requirement be approved;

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- (2) that it be approved that Elected Members may attend meetings in person or remotely once social distancing is no longer required;
- (3) that it be approved that officers will develop proposals to move to live-streaming of Council/Committee meetings and report back any financial and operational implications to the September Inverclyde Council meeting; and
- (4) the cessation of emergency governance procedures for Committees from the end of June 2021 be approved.

266 Health and Social Care Integration – Appointment of Vice-Chair to Integration Joint Board 266

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services requesting The Inverclyde Council confirm the nomination of Members to, and appoint the Vice-Chair of, the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the re-appointment of the following members for a further term of office of two years or until the date of the next ordinary Elections for Local Government Councillors in Scotland, whichever is shorter, be confirmed, it being noted that Councillor MacLeod is newly appointed as proxy for Councillor Robertson:
Councillor Clocherty with Councillor Moran as proxy;
Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Dorrian as proxy;
Councillor Quinn with Councillor Ahlfeld as proxy;
Councillor Robertson with Councillor MacLeod as proxy; and
- (2) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed as Vice-Chair.

267 Review of The Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Alcohol In Designated Public Places) Byelaws 2010 267

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services (1) providing an update on the outcome of the first stage of the consultation process undertaken by the former Head of Legal & Property Services in connection with the review of the current Byelaws for Inverclyde Council prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public places, and (2) to recommend amendments to the Byelaws to the Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the first stage of the consultation process in connection with the Byelaws be noted; and
- (2) that the extension of the boundaries of the Byelaws to include the areas highlighted in blue, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved and the Interim Head of Legal Services be authorised to:
- (i) arrange for the existing Byelaws to be amended, as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
 - (ii) send a copy of the proposed amended Byelaws to the Scottish Government for comment;
 - (iii) conduct a further public consultation on the proposed amended Byelaws by advertising the intention to apply to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation of the Byelaws; and
 - (iv) revert to the Council with a report on the outcome of the further public consultation for approval prior to applying to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation.

Councillor Brooks left the meeting at this juncture.

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268 Local Government Pay Claim – Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms, as amended at the meeting:

Council endorses the views expressed by CoSLA in relation to the SJC pay claim and notes:

- (1) the extraordinary lengths Local Government staff have gone to in order to maintain services and support individuals and communities over the course of the pandemic and expresses our appreciation of their continuing efforts;
- (2) the erosion of pay levels within local government;
- (3) to urge the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to meet with CoSLA Leaders to discuss sustainable changes to the context of Public Sector Pay decision-making in relation to Local Government;
- (4) that based on the current Local Government settlement, Councils across Scotland have indicated that an enhanced pay offer is unaffordable and would lead to cuts in services and jobs;
- (5) the concerns raised by the SJC Local Government Trade Unions, their rejection of the current pay offer and the urgency of a meeting with Scottish Government to discuss the funding of an enhanced offer.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Scottish Government:

- (1) to urge the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to meet with CoSLA Leaders to discuss sustainable changes to the context of Public Sector Pay decision-making in relation to Local Government;
- (2) to support CoSLA's request for additional baselined funding to match the 4% offer to health staff, and non-recurring funding to make a £500 recognition payment to Local Government staff who have not received such a payment.

Decided: that the notice of motion by Councillor Jackson, as amended at the meeting and set out above, be agreed.

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 for the following item (Business in the Appendix) on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

269 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 4 May 2021

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

270 General Purposes Board – 12 May 2021

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.