

INVERCLYDE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2022

Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee

Monday 27 June 2022 at 1.15pm

Present:

Voting Members:

Councillor Elizabeth Robertson (Chair)	Inverclyde Council
Simon Carr (Acting Vice Chair)	Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board
David Gould	Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board

Non-Voting Members:

Diana McCrone	Staff Representative, Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board
Charlene Elliot	Third Sector Representative

Also present:

Allen Stevenson	Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Alan Best	Interim Head of Health & Community Care, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Craig Given	Chief Finance Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Marie Keirs	Senior Finance Manager, Inverclyde Council
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager, Inverclyde Council
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer, Inverclyde Council
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer, Inverclyde Council
Councillor Lynne Quinn (observing)	Inverclyde Council

Chair: Councillor Robertson presided.

The meeting took place via video-conference.

18 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 18

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

19 Minute of Meeting of IJB Audit Committee of 21 March 2022 19

There was submitted the Minute of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee of 21 March 2022.

The Minute was presented by the Chair and examined for fact, omission, accuracy and clarity.

Ms Elliot advised that she had not received a copy of the agenda papers for the meeting and an apology was offered for this omission.

Decided: that the Minute be agreed.

20 2021/22 Draft Annual Accounts 20

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending the draft 2021/22 Annual Accounts and Annual Governance Statement

The report was presented by Mr Given and advised that the unaudited accounts should

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be submitted to the external auditor by 30 June 2022, the audited accounts be submitted by 30 November 2022 and that the Annual Governance Statement be approved by the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

The Committee referred to the General Reserves, noted at page 33 of the Unaudited Annual Accounts as being £962,000, and (1) sought reassurance that this amount would be sufficient to meet future demands, given increasing inflation and salaries and the Scottish Government forecast on spending, and (2) enquired if the General Reserves had been risk assessed. Mr Given provided assurance that risk is assessed on a regular basis and that he was aware of pressure areas. He provided an overview of the measures taken to monitor risk, and acknowledged comments made by the Committee that they would like to see higher General Reserves than the usual, given the current uncertain economic climate. Mr Given further agreed to give the Committee sight of the risk work he is undertaking by providing a report to the next Audit Committee on this matter.

The Committee referred to the Data Indicators at page 5 of the Unaudited Annual Accounts, noting that the figures at Indicators 11, 12 and 13 were higher than the Scottish Average, and requested that background information explaining this be included within the Accounts document. Mr Given agreed to add this to the final version of the Accounts document.

The Committee referred to the further analysis of the Health and Social Care underspends at page 9 of the Accounts, specifically the 'Mental Health recovery and wellbeing additional funding – reserve created in one year' of £877,000, and requested that an explanation for this also be included within the Accounts document. Mr Stevenson advised that this underspend was largely due to difficulties with recruitment which affected all Greater Glasgow and Clyde Boards.

The Committee referred to Data Indicator 18 'Percentage of adults with intensive care needs receiving care at home' on page 5 of the Accounts document, noted as being 65.2%, and questioned what this percentage represented. Mr Best agreed to clarify this for the Committee.

The Committee requested an update on the progress of the Workforce Plan and Mr Given assured members that the Plan was progressing and that there would be a report on this matter at the next IJJB meeting. Mr Stevenson added that all Chief Officers within Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board were collaborating in order to provide a uniformed response and that robust recruitment processes were in place.

The Chair thanked officers for the report and noted concerns that there was more information available on Social Care matters than Health Board matters. Mr Stevenson and Mr Given provided reassurance that there were ongoing discussions with their Health Board counterparts and with trade unions, and that a Staff Partnership Forum had been established.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed approach to complying with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 be noted;
- (2) that the Annual Governance statement included within the Accounts be approved;
- (3) that the unaudited accounts for 2021/22 be submitted to the IJJB;
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to provide a report detailing the work undertaken by officers to assess the risk factors pertaining to General Reserves to the next meeting; and
- (5) that officers make the changes suggested at the meeting to the final version of the Accounts.