

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 10 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**Thursday 10 November 2022 at 4pm**

**Present:** Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds, Robertson and Wilson.

**Chair:** Provost McKenzie presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Finance Manager (Environmental & Technical), Mr G Smith (Principal Accountant), Ms D Sweeney, Mr C MacDonald and Mr P MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services), and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Jackson, Law, McCormick, McVey and Quinn attending by video-conference.

**525 Mr Andrew Robb 525**

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost referred to the forthcoming retirement of Mr Andrew Robb, Council Officer, and paid tribute to Mr Robb's professionalism and service to the Council and Provosts of Inverclyde. On behalf of the Council, he wished Mr Robb a happy retirement.

**526 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 526**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

At the commencement of proceedings it was agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to allow this special meeting of the Council.

**527 2021/22 Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit 527**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance presenting the Annual Audit Report for Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

Mr Brian Howarth and Mr Mark Laird of Audit Scotland were present and Mr Howarth spoke to the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Action Plan as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (2) that the signing of the accounts by the Council Leader, Chief Executive and Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance be approved;
- (3) that the signing of the Letter of Representation, as detailed in appendix 3 of the report, by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance be approved; and
- (4) that the Council's thanks to the External Auditors and Officers be recorded.