

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 23 FEBRUARY 2023

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 23 February 2023 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Curley (for Armstrong), Daisley, Jackson, McCluskey, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Jackson presided.

In attendance:

Kate Rocks	Chief Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Marie Keirs	Senior Finance Manager (for Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP))
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services)
Allen Stevenson	Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Health & Community Care (Inverclyde HSCP)
Jonathan Hinds	Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Gail Kilbane	Interim Head of Mental Health, Alcohol & Drugs Recovery and Homelessness Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Audrey Howard	Interim Head of Justice & Children's Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Joan McLellan	Service Manager, Children's Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Eddie Montgomery	Interim Head of Property Services
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
George Barbour	Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, Daisley, McCluskey, Quinn and Reynolds attending by video-conference.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Panel.

127 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 127

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Armstrong, with Councillor Curley substituting, and Provost McKenzie.

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda item 8 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors Cassidy and McCluskey.

128 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – Revenue Outturn Position as at 31 December 2022 128

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Head of Finance, Planning & Resources, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, on the projected outturn on revenue and capital for 2022/23 as at 31 December 2022.

Decided:

- (1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of a £1.326million underspend at 31 December 2022, as detailed at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.12 of the report, be noted;
- (2) that the projected capital position, as detailed at paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3 of the report, be noted;
- (3) that the current earmarked reserves position, as detailed at paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4 of the report, be noted; and
- (4) that the recommendation to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board to earmark the underspends, as detailed at section 4 of the report, be noted.

129 National Care Service 129

Mr Stevenson provided a verbal report on the current position regarding the implementation of the National Care Service (NCS).

The following points were noted:

- (1) Your Voice has submitted a bid to host a listening event; and
- (2) The National Social Work Agency has begun assessing how training for new Social Workers will sit within the framework of the NCS.

Decided: that the verbal report be noted.

130 Inspection of Children’s Residential Care Homes – Kylemore and Inspection of Children’s Residential Care Homes – The View 130

There were submitted two separate reports by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the outcomes of the Care Inspectorate’s unannounced inspections in respect of Kylemore Children’s Residential Care Home Services on 15 November 2022 and The View Children’s Residential Care Home Services on 1 November 2022, which the Committee considered as one item.

Decided: that the outcome of both inspections be noted.

131 Learning Disability – Community Hub Update 131

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the ongoing development of the Learning Disability Community Hub.

Decided:

- (1) that the current progress and delivery programme for the project be noted;
- (2) that the ongoing review of the design proposals and affordability cap position including the inherent inflation risks be noted; and
- (3) that the ongoing engagement with the relevant Scottish Government officials on maintaining the external funding commitment to the project be noted.

132 Cost of Living Support 132

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the range of measures agreed by Inverclyde Integration Joint Board at its meeting on 28 November 2022 to provide cost of living support for the citizens of Inverclyde.

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The Chief Officer provided a verbal update to the report and advised that, to date, 70 members of staff had received training on the issuing of Section 12 and 22 payments.

Decided:

- (1) that the agreement to widen access to funding under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and Section 22 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 to health staff employed in Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership, Advice Services, Community Mental Health and Occupational Therapy to a maximum of £0.300million, to be funded from the 2022/23 underspend, be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that a Standard Operating Procedure has been developed which ensures delivery within a governance framework;
- (3) that the distribution of an initial 500 warm boxes to service users receiving a Care at Home package from HSCP and commissioned providers via Education Services at an estimated cost of £0.030million, funded from the 2022/23 underspend, be noted;
- (4) that the work with the Third Sector to implement a new funding distribution scheme to assist individuals in the community and promote social welfare under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, up to the value of £0.100million, funded from the 2022/23 underspend, be noted;
- (5) that the progress to date, as detailed at section 4 of the report, be noted; and
- (6) that the thanks of the Panel be extended to the Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP), his team and all staff connected with the roll out of the above initiatives.

133 Draft Social Care Budget 2023/24

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the expected Social Care budget for 2023/24.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the anticipated funding contribution of £68.159million from Inverclyde Council to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board, subject to the approval by Inverclyde Council on 2 March 2023 and approval by the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board on 20 March 2023, be noted.

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.

134 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the Health & Social Care Partnership governance processes for Externally Commissioned Social Care Services. Councillor Cassidy declared a connection in this item as a family member is on the Board of an organisation mentioned within the report and Councillor McCluskey declared a connection as a family member is in a care home mentioned within the report. Both Councillors also formed the view that the nature of their connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process and were declaring for transparency.

Decided:

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- (1) that the governance report for the period 19 November 2022 to 20 January 2023 be noted; and
- (2) that Members acknowledge that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and managing poorly 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.