

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 20 APRIL 2023

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 20 April 2023 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Martin McNab	Public Protection Manager
Morna Rae	Service Manager (Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnerships)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications

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

209 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 209

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Law and Nelson.

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

Agenda Item 6 (Amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley and McVey.

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

210 Inverclyde Council – 16 February 2023 210

Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.

211 Audit Committee – 21 February 2023 211

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

212 General Purposes Board (Special) – 22 February 2023 212

Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.

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213	Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 23 February 2023	213
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Jackson.	
214	Planning Board – 1 March 2023	214
	Approved on the motion of Curley.	
215	Local Review Body – 1 March 2023	215
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
216	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 2 March 2023	216
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
217	Education & Communities Committee – 7 March 2023	217
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
218	General Purposes Board – 8 March 2023	218
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.	
219	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 9 March 2023	219
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
220	Petitions Committee – 16 March 2023	220
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.	
221	Policy & Resources Committee – 21 March 2023	221
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
222	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel – 23 March 2023	222
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
223	Education & Communities Committee (Special) – 27 March 2023	223
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
224	General Purposes Board – 12 April 2023	224
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
225	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 17 April 2023	225
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	

226 Council Plan and Partnership Plan from 2023 226

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) proposing the vision and high-level outcomes for the Inverclyde Council Plan 2023-28, and (2) seeking endorsement of the new Alliance Partnership Plan 2023-33.

Decided:

- (1) that the vision and high-level outcomes for the Inverclyde Council Plan 2023-28 be agreed; and
- (2) that the vision and high-level outcomes for the Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023-33 be endorsed.

227 Appointment of Chair of Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel 227

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council (1) appoints a Chair for the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel, (2) confirms the Special Responsibility Allowance currently allocated to that position, (3) appoints two further appointments associated with the Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel, namely to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs partnership and as a proxy for Councillor Moran on the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

Decided:

- (1) that (a) Councillor Brennan be appointed as Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel, and (b) the Special Responsibility Allowance allocated to that position be confirmed; and
- (2) that accordingly Councillor Brennan be appointed to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs partnership and as the proxy for Councillor Moran on the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

228 Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) 228

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council (1) consider proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers), and (2) notes other amendments which have been made in the implementation of recent Council and Committee decisions, all as detailed in the revised Scheme of Delegation (Officers) document appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) be amended so that authority is delegated to officers to carry out the Council's powers, rights and duties under The Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2002 and any regulations made thereunder, this amendment as detailed in tracked changes on page 37 of appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) be amended to the effect that where there are no maintained objections to any Speed Limit Order, the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services would be authorised to make such a Speed Limit Order on behalf of the Council, this amendment as detailed in tracked changes on page 28 of appendix 1 to the report;
- (3) that the amendments made by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) under authority delegated from several recent Council decisions be noted, all as detailed at paragraphs 3.8 to 3.16 of the report and shown in tracked changes in appendix 1;

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(4) that the other amendments made to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) be approved, all as detailed at paragraphs 3.17 to 3.19 of the report and shown in tracked changes in appendix 1; and

(5) that it be noted that it is the intention of the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to undertake a full review of the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) and provide a report to a future meeting of the Council later in 2023, with approval of the amendments in respect of this report being subject to that future review.

229 Amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council (1) consider proposed amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration, and (2) note other amendments which have been made in the implementation of recent Council and Committee decisions, all as detailed in the revised Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration document appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that (a) the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration be amended with regard to the way in which the Council considers concerns that have been raised in respect of the suitability of private residential landlords under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, (b) the Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee be dissolved, and (c) the current Elected Member appointments to the said Sub-Committee be cancelled, all as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.10 of the report and shown in track changes in the relevant sections of appendix 2 to the report;

(2) that the amendments made to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services be approved, which include the implementation of several recent Council decisions referred to at paragraphs 3.11 to 3.15 of the report and shown in track changes in the relevant sections of appendix 2 to the report; and

(3) that it be noted that it is the intention of the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to undertake a full review of the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration Scheme of Delegation (Officers) and provide a report to a future meeting of the Council later in 2023, with approval of the amendments in respect of this report being subject to that future review.

230 Council Timetable Change – Audit Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services seeking agreement to reschedule the June 2023 meeting of the Audit Committee for operational purposes.

Decided: that it be agreed to reschedule the meeting of the Audit Committee from 3pm on Thursday 22 June 2023 to 3pm on Thursday 29 June 2023.

231 20mph Town & Village Centre Speed Limit Orders – Maintained Objections – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 9 March 2023 relative to the making of Speed Limit Orders associated with Kilmacolm, Port Glasgow, Gourrock and the Cathcart Street area of Greenock.

Decided:

(1) that the making of the following Speed Limit Orders be approved (a) “The

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Inverclyde Council Kilmacolm Village Centre (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2022”, (b) “The Inverclyde Council Port Glasgow Town Centre (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2022”, (c) “The Inverclyde Council Cathcart Street and Adjoining Roads, Greenock (20 mph Speed Limit) Order 2022”, and (d) “The Inverclyde Council Gourock Town Centre (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2022”; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Roads and Environmental Services and the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to take all necessary action to implement the said Speed Limit Orders.

232 Capital Strategy 2023-2033 and Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24-2026/7 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 232

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 21 March 2023 relative to (a) Capital Strategy 2023-2033, and (b) Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24-2026/27.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2023-2033 Capital Strategy be approved; and
- (2) that the Treasury Management Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24-2024/27 be approved.

233 Single Use Nicotine Vaping Products (Disposable Vapes) – Request by Councillor McCabe 233

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of a request received from Councillor McCabe in the following terms, as amended at the meeting:

“Disposable Vapes

Inverclyde Council notes with concern the serious and damaging environmental impacts of disposable vapes and recognises an increase in these electronic devices being discarded in communities and public spaces across the Inverclyde Council area.

Research by Material Focus, an independent not-for-profit organisation, identified in 2022 that at least 1.3million so called ‘disposable’ vapes are littered and binned each week.

It is noted that vapes contain a range of precious materials, including lithium and copper, which can be collected if recycled in a safe and appropriate manner.

Inverclyde Council further anticipates the publication of the Scottish Government’s urgent review into the environmental impact of disposable vapes, currently being undertaken by Zero Waste Scotland.

In light of the serious nature of these concerns, Council instructs the Director of Environment & Regeneration to write on behalf of Inverclyde Council to Lorna Slater, Scottish Government Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, convey Inverclyde Council’s view that actions to mitigate their harmful effects be introduced across the UK as soon as practicable and that the minister leads the negotiations with the other devolved administrations and the UK Government.”

Decided:

- (1) that the request by Councillor McCabe’s as set out above and amended at the meeting be agreed; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Director of Environment & Regeneration to write on behalf of Inverclyde Council to Lorna Slater, Scottish Government Minister for Green

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Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity in the above terms.

Private Appendices to Minutes

234	General Purposes Board – 8 March 2023	234
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235	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 9 March 2023	235
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
236	General Purposes Board – 12 April 2023	236
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	