

## SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 27 APRIL 2023

### Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 27 April 2023 at 3pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor Brennan presided.

**In attendance:**

Kate Rocks	Chief Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Craig Given	Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer 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)
Gail Hughes	Interim Service Manager for Justice Social Work (Inverclyde HSCP)
Marie Keirs	Senior Finance Manager (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Ian Hanley	Community Justice Lead Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost McKenzie, and Councillors Curley and Quinn attending by video-conference.

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

#### 247 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Daisley, with Councillor Curley substituting.

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.

Prior to the commencement of business the Convenor extended her best wishes, on behalf of the Panel, to Mr Stevenson as this was his last meeting prior to leaving on secondment to **NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board**.

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<b>248</b>	<b>Revenue &amp; Capital Budget Report – Revenue Outturn Position as at 28 February 2023</b>	<b>248</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership and the Head of Finance, Planning &amp; Resources, Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership, on the projected outturn on revenue and capital for 2022/23 as at 28 February 2023.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of a £2.012million underspend at 28 February 2023, as detailed at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.12 of the report, be noted;</p> <p>(2) that the projected capital position, as detailed at paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3 of the report, be noted;</p> <p>(3) that the current earmarked reserves position, as detailed at paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4 of the report, be noted; and</p> <p>(4) that the recommendation to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board to earmark the underspends, as detailed at section 4 of the report, be noted.</p>	
<b>249</b>	<b>National Care Service Update</b>	<b>249</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership providing the Panel with an update on implementation of the National Care Service (NCS).</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the correspondence dated 17 April 2023 from the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, as appended at appendix 1 to the report, be noted.</p>	
<b>250</b>	<b>Inspection of Children’s Residential Care Homes – Crosshill</b>	<b>250</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the outcomes of the Care Inspectorate’s unannounced inspection in respect of Crosshill Children’s Residential Care Home Services on 19 December 2022.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the outcome of the inspection be noted.</p>	
<b>251</b>	<b>Inverclyde HSCP Strategic Plan 2023-24</b>	<b>251</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance, Planning and Resources Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership appending (1) the final HSCP Transition Plan progress update, (2) the refreshed HSCP Strategic Plan, and (3) associated Outcomes Framework for 2023-24 for noting.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the final 2021-23 Transition Plan progress update be noted;</p> <p>(2) that the engagement and consultation that has shaped the refresh of the Strategic plan be noted;</p> <p>(3) that the refreshed Strategic Needs Assessment be noted; and</p> <p>(4) that the refreshed Strategic Plan and Outcomes framework for 2023-24 be noted.</p>	
<b>252</b>	<b>Care at Home Review</b>	<b>252</b>
	<p>It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.</p>	

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**253 Community Payback Orders- Inverclyde Annual Report 2021-22 and Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2021-22 253**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of (1) the submission of the Inverclyde Community Payback Order Annual Report 2021-23 to the Scottish Government, and (2) the publication of the Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2021-22 by Community Justice Scotland, copies of which were appended to the report.

**Decided:** that (1) the submission of the Inverclyde Community Payback Order Annual Report 2021-23 to the Scottish Government, and (2) the publication of the Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2021-22 by Community Justice Scotland 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.**

**254 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 254**

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:**

(1) that the governance report for the period 21 January to 24 March 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.