

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 8 JUNE 2023**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 8 June 2023 at 4pm**

**Present:** Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, 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
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Steven McNab	Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications
Morna Rae	Interim Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Communications Officer (Media Relations) (for Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Law, McCluskey, McCormick and Quinn attending remotely.

Before the proceedings opened, Reverend Jonathan Fleming gave a prayer.

**324 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nelson.

Councillor Brooks declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 (River Clyde Homes – Notice of Motions by Councillor McVey).

Councillors Curley and Wilson intimated a connection in Agenda Item 9 (River Clyde Homes – Notice of Motions by Councillor McVey).

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

**325 Inverclyde Council – 20 April 2023**

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**Approved** on the motion of Provost McKenzie.

**326 General Purposes Board – 21 April 2023**

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**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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<b>327</b>	<b>Audit Committee – 25 April 2023</b>	<b>327</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
<b>328</b>	<b>Social Work &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 27 April 2023</b>	<b>328</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
<b>329</b>	<b>Planning Board – 3 May 2023</b>	<b>329</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
<b>330</b>	<b>Local Review Body – 3 May 2023</b>	<b>330</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
<b>331</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 4 May 2023</b>	<b>331</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
<b>332</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council (Special) – 4 May 2023</b>	<b>332</b>
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
<b>333</b>	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee – 9 May 2023</b>	<b>333</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
<b>334</b>	<b>General Purposes Board – 10 May 2023</b>	<b>334</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
<b>335</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council (Special) – 18 May 2023</b>	<b>335</b>
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
<b>336</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council (Special) – 18 May 2023</b>	<b>336</b>
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
<b>337</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 23 May 2023</b>	<b>337</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
<b>338</b>	<b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Panel – 25 May 2023</b>	<b>338</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
<b>339</b>	<b>Appointment of Chair and Membership of the Integration Joint Board</b>	<b>339</b>
	There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer	

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Services requesting that the Council confirm the appointment of the Chair and membership of the Inverclyde Joint Integration Joint Board.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be agreed to appoint Councillor Moran as Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board; and
- (2) that it be agreed to confirm the membership of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report for a term of office of two years.

**340 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee, Panel and Board Meetings to June 2024 340**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services setting out for approval the schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2024.

The Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advised of an error in the report and, accordingly, in page one of the appendix the reference to the 'Issue Agenda' date for the Audit Committee of 'Friday 4 August', should read 'Friday 11 August'.

Councillor McCluskey joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposed cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee, Scrutiny Panel and Board meetings for the year to June 2024 as detailed in the report and appendix be approved, subject to the verbal corrections as noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that a private meeting will be arranged between the Audit Committee and the Council's Chief Internal Auditor and external auditors, further to the Audit Committee improvement plan approved by the Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2023 and that this meeting will be arranged in advance of the Council's consideration of its audited accounts following the 2023 Summer recess.

**341 2023/33 Financial Strategy – Update 341**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the updated Financial Strategy to the Council for review and approval.

**Decided:**

- (1) that (a) the latest update to the Council's Financial Strategy be approved, and (b) the continued significant challenges arising from the global and UK economic position as reflected in the Scottish Government's Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted;
- (2) that the mid-range estimated 2024/27 funding gap of £18.1 million as detailed in table 4a in the Financial Strategy be noted; and
- (3) that the allocation of an extra £100,000 per year to fund increased prudential borrowing over the period 2026/31 to help address the capital funding challenges faced by the Council be agreed.

**342 Pledge to Make Inverclyde Council a Trauma Informed Organisation 342**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an overview of the National Trauma Training Programme and progress towards its implementation in Inverclyde, and (2) proposing that the Council agree to adopt the Leadership Pledge of Support for Inverclyde Council to become a trauma informed organisation.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the Council will adopt the National Trauma Training

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Programme Leadership Pledge of Support;

(3) that it be agreed to promote trauma informed practice training for elected members and the Extended Corporate Management Team at designated training events;

(4) that it be agreed to continue to support the implementation of the National Trauma Training Programme; and

(5) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to submit a report in 12 months' time reviewing the progress of Trauma Informed Organisation initiatives.

**343      Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries – Provisional Proposals for Constituencies      343**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) informing the Council of the provisional proposals for constituencies received from Boundaries Scotland for the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries, and (2) advising that any consultation responses are required by 17 June 2023.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Boundaries Scotland Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries – Provisional Proposals for Constituencies relative to the proposed Inverclyde County Constituency as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be noted; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to respond to the Consultation intimating the Council's support for the proposals.

**344      The Stopping Up of Road and Footpath, Inverclyde (Arthur Street, Greenock) Order 2022 – Remit from Environment and Regeneration Committee      344**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

**Decided:**

(1) that (a) 'The Stopping Up of Road and Footpath, Inverclyde (Arthur Street, Greenock) Order 2022' be approved, and (b) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to take all necessary action in connection with the confirmation of the Order;

(2) that the use of the proposed procedure and decision making process involved in the promotion of Stopping Up Orders in terms of Part IX, 'Roads, Footpaths and Rights of Way' and Schedule 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report be approved; and

(3) that (a) the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) be approved to the effect that, where there are no maintained objections to any such Stopping Up Orders, the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services will be authorised to confirm such Stopping Up Orders on behalf of the Council, and (b) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make those said amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers).

**345      River Clyde Homes – Notice of Motion by Councillor McVey      345**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion received from Councillor McVey, countersigned by Councillor McGuire, in the following terms:

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“This Council has become increasingly concerned about ongoing issues within River Clyde Homes regarding long term repairs to tenants homes, and communal buildings in which River Clyde Homes act as factor, within Ward seven and other areas.

“This Council expects River Clyde Homes, as a matter of urgency, to develop and implement a specific action plan to resolve said issues within Ward seven and other areas.

“This Council also calls on River Clyde Homes to bring forward plans, at the earliest opportunity, to address the flats at 80 – 86 Neil St. They are now an eyesore and their state of disrepair is damaging to the local community.

“This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to River Clyde Homes to make them aware of the Council’s ongoing concerns regarding the above issues.”

Councillor Brooks declared an interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes and left the meeting.

Councillor Curley declared a connection as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared a connection as a Member of the Board of Larkfield Housing Association. They also formed the view that the nature of their respective connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making progress and they were declaring for transparency.

Following discussion, Councillor McVey seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that the terms of the Motion be approved.

As an amendment, Councillor Robertson seconded by Councillor Crowther moved to substitute the text of the motion with the following:

“Inverclyde Council values River Clyde Homes and other Registered Social Landlords in Inverclyde as partners in providing and developing good quality social housing. The Council identifies the need for social landlords to have robust and deliverable maintenance regimes as a prerequisite both for achieving quality housing for their tenants and assisting the Council in achieving our strategic aims.

“Accordingly, Inverclyde Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to all social landlords operating in Inverclyde asking them to provide the following information in respect of their properties within Inverclyde:

1. Total number of outstanding reports.
2. Number of properties with outstanding repairs relating to mould and water ingress.
3. Number of repairs outstanding more than 6 months and the plans for addressing any repairs back log.
4. Number, percentage and general location of properties which are long term empty and their plans to address these.
5. The properties, if any, that they are currently proposing to dispose of, either by selling or demolition, and their plans to achieve this outcome.

“Responses to this communication should be reported back to a subsequent meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee.”

Following a roll call vote, 7 Members, Councillors Armstrong, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Law, Reynolds and Robertson voted in favour of the amendment and 13 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Cassidy, Clocherty, Jackson, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Quinn and Wilson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

### **Decided:**

- (1) that the Notice of Motion by Councillor McVey as set out above be agreed; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to River Clyde Homes to make them aware of the Council’s ongoing concerns regarding (a) long term repairs, and (b) 80 – 86 Neil Street, Greenock.

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**346 Mr Steven McNab 346**

At the conclusion of the meeting the Provost referred to the imminent retirement of Mr Steven McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications. The Provost thanked Mr McNab for his service to the Council and wished him a happy retirement.

**Private Appendices to Minutes**

**347 General Purposes Board – 21 April 2023 347**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Moran.

**348 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 4 May 2023 348**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

**349 Education & Communities Committee – 9 May 2023 349**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.