

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 31 OCTOBER 2023

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 31 October 2023 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Daisley, Jackson, McCabe (for Cassidy), 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)
Jonathan Hinds	Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Alan Best	Interim Head of Health & Community Care (Inverclyde HSCP)
Gail Kilbane	Interim Head of Mental Health, Alcohol & Drugs Recovery and Homelessness Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Audrey Howard	Interim Head of Public Protection(People) (Inverclyde HSCP)
Ian Hanley	Community Justice Lead Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Marie Keirs	Senior Finance Manager (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

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

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

532 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 532

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

533 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2023/24 Revenue Outturn Position as at 31 August 2023 533

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 2023/24 as at 31 August 2023.

Decided:

(1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.023million overspend at 31

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August 2023 be noted;

- (2) that the current projected capital position be noted;
- (3) that the current reserves position be noted; and
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to provide a further report detailing the budget overspend on Children and Families and service review.

534 National Care Service

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

The following points were noted:

- (1) since the last meeting correspondence was received from the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport advising of a series of redesign events across the country and a NCS Forum held in Glasgow, all of which were intended to hear from service providers, service users and carers;
- (2) partners at a national level continue to work to inform proposed amendments to the NCS Bill within the appropriate timescales;
- (3) further work is also continuing at national level on how existing structures will be strengthened, including a focus on improvement outcomes, informed by people with lived experience;
- (4) work is ongoing on the development of a National Social Work Agency (NSWA), particularly around governance; and
- (5) the office of the Chief Social Work Adviser, Social Work Scotland and COSLA continue to work with other partners to develop the NSWA and NCS, and that Mr Hinds contributes to these national discussions as Chief Social Work Officer for Inverclyde through the Chief Social Work Officer Committee.

Decided: that the verbal report be noted.

535 Refugee, Resettlement and Asylum Programmes within Inverclyde

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the various refugee, resettlement and asylum programmes in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the demand on services from the varied UK Home Office asylum seeker work and resettlement programmes be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that a detailed service development and financial planning is underway to ensure the appropriate services are able to respond, with pressures anticipated and mitigated as far as possible; and
- (3) that the thanks and appreciation of the Panel be extended to staff at Inverclyde HSCP, the Third Sector and the wider Inverclyde community for the warm welcome shown to the refugees, asylum seekers and those who have resettled in Inverclyde.

536 Justice Social Work Statistics – People Dying on Community Payback Orders (CPOs) - Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the termination of Community Payback Orders when the reason given was death.

Decided: that the Panel notes (a) the statistical information provided at paragraph 3.5 of the report, and (b) the updates on behalf of (i) Inverclyde Justice Social Work, as detailed at paragraphs 3.8 and 3.9 of the report, and (ii) Inverclyde Community Justice

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Partnership, as detailed at paragraphs 3.9 to 3.11 of the report.

537 Joint Inspection of Adult Services

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising that the Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council was notified on 2 October 2023 of a joint inspection of health and social care services for adults in the Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland, the commencement date for this being 23 October 2023.

Decided:

- (1) that the commencement of the joint inspection for adults in the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to provide a future update report following the publication of the inspection report.

538 Integration Scheme

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the work to review the Integration Scheme between Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and (2) presenting the draft revised Integration Scheme between Inverclyde Council and Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board which will go out to consultation.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the draft revised Integration Scheme, which will go out to consultation, 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.

539 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the governance report for the period 22 July to 29 September 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.

540 Unplanned Closure of Quarriers Countryview – Short Break (Respite) for Disabled Children and Young People

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care

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Partnership advising the Panel of the decision by Quarriers to temporarily close Countryview residential respite facility for children and young people with complex needs.

Decided: that the content of the report and the ongoing work to support those affected by the unplanned closure by Quarriers of Countryview short break service be noted.