

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 16 NOVEMBER 2023

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 16 November 2023 at 4:00pm

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
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Tony McEwan	Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources (for Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development)
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
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 Councillors Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire and McVey attending remotely.

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Nelson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive presenting (1) the Annual Audit Report, and (2) the Best Value Thematic Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 for consideration.

Mr Michael Wilkie of KPMG LLP was present at the meeting and spoke to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Action Plan as contained within the Annual Audit Report be approved;
- (2) that approval be given to the signing of the Letter of Representation, as detailed at appendix 4 to the report, by the Chief Financial Officer;
- (3) that the signing of the Annual Accounts for Inverclyde Council for the Financial Year 2022/23 by the Council Leader, Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer be approved; and
- (4) that the Council's thanks to the External Auditors and officers be noted.