

## SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 12 MARCH 2024

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### Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

**Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, 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)
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic 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)
Audrey Howard	Interim Head of Public Protection (People) (Inverclyde HSCP)
Marie Keirs	Senior Finance Manager (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	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 Curley, Quinn and Reynolds attending remotely.

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

**128 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 128**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Daisley, with Councillor Curley substituting, Provost McKenzie and Councillor Brooks.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**129 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2023/24 Revenue Outturn Position as at 31 December 2023 129**

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 December 2023.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.770million overspend at 31 December 2023 be noted;
- (2) that the current projected capital position be noted; and
- (3) that the current reserves position be noted.

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- 130 National Care Service Update 130**
- 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) the National Care Service Bill returned to the Scottish Parliament on 28 February 2024 with proposed amendments and before stage 2 concludes in early summer a number of amendments are expected to be made;
  - (2) tri-partite meetings of Scottish Government, NHS and Local Government have continued, with Integration Joint Board (IJB) Chief Officers now represented; and
  - (3) it is expected that NCS Boards would provide oversight and governance of social work, social care and community health services, as well as maintaining an improvement framework to support good practice. Reformed IJBs would be accountable to the NCS Board whilst local authorities and the NHS would retain existing responsibilities, staff and assets.
- Decided:** that the verbal report be noted.
- 131 Technology Enabled Support Use to Augment Supported Living 131**
- It was noted that this item was withdrawn from the agenda.
- 132 Technology Enabled Care Gold Award 132**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising (1) of the progress within Technology Enabled Care (TEC), and (2) that the HSCP TEC Team achieved a Gold Level 2 Award Accreditation from the Digital Office for Scottish Government.
- Decided:** that the content of the report and the ongoing work within TEC to improve independence and create new ways of working for all services be noted.
- 133 The Lens Project 133**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the partnership between Inverclyde HSCP Children and Families Service and the Lens Project to develop an Ideas to Action Programme which supports Inverclyde's vision and ambition to deliver The Promise and improve outcomes for children and young people.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the content of the report and the evaluation report at appendix 1 of the report be noted; and
  - (2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Panel be extended to all staff who participated in the Project which led to the following six ideas being considered (a) It Takes a Village, (b) Throughcare Hub, (c) Connected 2 Care, (d) Feel Good Fund, (e) Home from Home, and (f) The Practice Pad.
- 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 & 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**134 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 134**

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 2 December 2023 to 9 February 2024 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.