

## SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 27 AUGUST 2024

### Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 3pm

**Present:** Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Clocherty, Daisley, Jackson, McCluskey, Reynolds and Robertson.

**Chair:** Councillor Brennan presided.

**In attendance:**

Kate Rocks	Chief Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Craig Given	Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP)
Vicky Pollock	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)
Lesley Ellis	Senior Social Worker, I Promise Programme 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
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor Reynolds attending remotely.

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

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

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

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda item 9 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillor Cassidy

**358 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – Outturn 2023/24 and 2024/25 Revenue Position as at 30 June 2024**

**358**

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 outturn of the 2023/24 revenue budget and the projected outturn on revenue and capital for 2024/25 as at 30 June 2024, it being noted that the 2023/24 outturn was provisional subject to the audit of annual accounts.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the 2023/24 revenue budget outturn overspend of £0.434million be noted;
- (2) that the transfers to earmarked reserves, as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of the

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report, and the allocation of the final 2023/24 overspend of £0.434million to reserves, as detailed at paragraph 3.2.9 of the report, be noted;

(3) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.216million overspend at 30 June 2024 be noted;

(4) that the current projected capital position be noted; and

(5) that the current reserves position be noted.

### 359 National Care Service Update 359

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, providing an update on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill and national developments in this regard.

**Decided:** that the update on national activity around the proposed National Care Service Bill be noted.

### 360 Presentation – Connected to Care Conference 360

The Panel heard a presentation, with PowerPoint slides, by Ms Lesley Ellis, I Promise Programme Manager, on the recent Connected to Care conference held on 19 June 2024. Ms Ellis thereafter answered a number of questions from Members.

**Decided:** that the content of the presentation be noted.

### 361 Inspection of Inverclyde Fostering, Adoption and Continuing Care Services 361

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the publication of three reports by the Care Inspectorate following the recent inspection of adoption, fostering and continuing care services in Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Panel note the publication of the three inspection reports and the improvement work that is underway; and

(2) that it be noted that an Improvement Action Plan will be presented to the next meeting of the Panel.

### 362 National Review of Social Work Governance and Assurance 362

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the Care Inspectorate's intention to undertake a national review of social work governance and assurance between July and December 2024 with the aim of understanding the role, remit, effectiveness and current challenges facing social work services nationally.

**Decided:** that the planned review of social work governance and assurance be noted.

### 363 Supported Living Service Care Inspectorate Inspection - 8 May 2024 363

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the gradings received after the recent inspection of Inverclyde's Supported Living Team and Care at Home Service (Adult Learning Disability), and (2) advising of the development of an Improvement Plan, a copy of which was appended to the report.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Care Inspectorate inspection of the Supported Living Team and Care at

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Home Service (Adult Learning Disability) be noted; and

(2) that the Panel notes the content of the Improvement Plan and the actions to be completed within the agreed timescales, all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

**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 items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.**

Item	Paragraph(s)	
<p><b>364 HSCP Senior Management Team Structure</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership advising of improved governance and strategic oversight arrangements as part of a revised HSCP senior management team structure, which had previously been considered at a meeting of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board on 24 June 2024. <b>Decided:</b> that the contents of the report be noted.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>364</b></p>
<p><b>365 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the Health &amp; Social Care Partnership governance processes for Externally Commissioned Social Care Services. Councillor Cassidy declared a connection in this item as a relative is a member of a Board mentioned within the report. He also formed the view that the nature of his connection and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process and was declaring for transparency. <b>Decided:</b> (1) that the governance report for the period 13 April 2024 to 19 July 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.</p>	<p><b>6 &amp; 9</b></p>	<p><b>365</b></p>