

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 29 OCTOBER 2024

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 29 October 2024 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Clocherty (for Cassidy), Daisley, Jackson, McCabe 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)
Katrina Phillips	Interim Head of Mental Health and Alcohol & Drug Recovery Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Gail Hughes	Interim Service Manager for Justice Social Work (Inverclyde HSCP)
Emma Bilsland	Child and Planning Improvement Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Peter MacDonald	Solicitor, Legal Services
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost McKenzie and Councillors Daisley, Jackson and McCabe attending remotely.

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

476 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 476

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Cassidy with Councillor Clocherty substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

477 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2024/25 Revenue Outturn Position as at 31 August 2024 477

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 2024/25 as at 31 August 2024.

Decided:

(1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.246million overspend at 31 August 2024 be noted;

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- (2) that the current projected capital position be noted; and
- (3) that the current reserves position be noted.

478 National Care Service Update 478

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 deadline for submitting views on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments was extended to 20 November 2024; and
- (2) a further report will be provided to a future meeting.

Decided: that the verbal report be noted.

479 Inverclyde HSCP Adult Services Staff Innovation Projects 479

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership notifying the Panel of the ongoing development of projects driven through staff innovation, as detailed in the document 'The Lens: Inverclyde HSCP Adult Services: Ideas to Action Programme Evaluation Report July 2024' a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the staff innovation projects (a) Community First, (b) Diabetes Prevention Support Programme, (c) My Inclusive Digi Support (Planning and Reviewing), (d) Little Acorns, and (e) Inverclyde Inclusive Radio, be noted; and
- (2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Panel be extended to all staff connected with these projects.

480 Inspection of Inverclyde Fostering, Adoption and Continuing Care Services 480

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing the Panel with an update on the action plans developed following the Care Inspectorate's recent inspection of adoption, fostering and continuing care services in Inverclyde, these inspection reports having been considered at the previous meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the action plans are noted; and
- (2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Panel be extended to all staff connected with this service.

481 Notice of Self-Evaluation in Justice Social Work 481

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of a national self-evaluation of Justice Social Work led by the Care Inspectorate to take place between September and November 2024, which will focus on self-evaluation of performance and quality assurance within Justice Social Work with a validation phase during January and February 2025.

Decided:

- (1) that the planned review of social work governance and assurance be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to provide a further report following publication of the national review report.

482 Community Payback Order Annual Report 2023-24**482**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the requirement to submit an annual Community Payback Order report to the Scottish Government and appending a copy of the report.

Decided: that the content of the Community Payback Order Annual Report 2023-24 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.

483 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations**483**

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 20 July 2024 to 27 September 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.