
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	29 January 2015
Report By:	Head of Legal & Property Services	Report No:	LP/028/15
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Subject:	Health and Social Care Integration Scheme		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's formal approval of the draft Integration Scheme produced by Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, thereafter referred to as 'the Act'.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that Health Boards and local authorities jointly prepare, consult and submit for approval an Integration Scheme to Scottish Ministers. The required content of the scheme is set out in Section 1(3)(a-f) of the Act and within the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Integration Scheme) (Scotland) Act 2014.

2.2 It should be noted:

- that the agreements made within the scheme are legally binding;
- that only information that is prescribed in the Act or the regulations can be included. Scottish Ministers cannot approve additional information;
- that any changes to the scheme will require to be consulted upon and will require to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval.

2.3 The draft Integration Scheme is to be considered by the CHCP Sub-Committee and the Health & Social Care Committee at special meetings on Monday 26 January 2015. The outcome and recommendations of that consideration will be reported by the Corporate Director Inverclyde CHCP to the Council. The draft Scheme as proposed following upon these meetings will be circulated to Elected Members at the Council meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Council is asked to approve the Integration Scheme for the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership for submission to the Scottish Government, as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

3.2 That it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with relevant officers to make such consequential adjustments to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration and to the CHCP's Standing Orders for meetings as are required for the proper conduct of business in any transitional periods of integration pending formal, subsequent approval by the Council.