HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 7 JANUARY 2016

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 7 January 2016 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, McCabe, McCormick, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Children's Services and Criminal Justice, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Ms F McLaren (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

4 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld and MacLeod.

Councillors McCabe and McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations).

5 Revenue and Capital Budget Report 2015/16 – Period 7 as at 31 October 2015

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the position of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the current year as at Period 7 to 31 October 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and projected overspend of £137,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 October 2015;
- (2) that the Committee note that the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership will continue work to contain the projected overspend within the overall Social Work Budget for the year;
- (3) that the projected Capital position be noted; and
- (4) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted.

6 Child Protection Committee Annual Report

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the work of Inverclyde Child Protection Committee for the year 2014/15 and the ongoing priority areas of focus for 2015/16.

Decided: that the Committee note the report and acknowledge that Inverciyde Child Protection Committee has continued to pursue its functions to ensure high standards are maintained in the face of increasingly challenging economic and social circumstances, demonstrating a continued commitment to strive for excellence in the protection of children.

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7 HSCP Internal Services Care Inspectorate Gradings Annual Report 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on Inverclyde HSCP Internal Services Care Inspectorate gradings covering the reporting period 1 November 2014 to 31 October 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the gradings awarded by the Care Inspectorate for the period 1 November 2014 to 31 October 2015 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved in the provision of the services covered by the report.

8 Care Inspectorate Inspection of Learning Disability Day Opportunities, McPherson Centre, Gourock – August 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the outcome of the Care Inspectorate inspection of the McPherson Centre Learning Disability Day Opportunities Service carried out on 17 and 20 August 2015.

The report advised that the service had received grades of 5 (very good) for quality of care and support, quality of environment and quality of staffing and grade 4 (good) for quality of management and leadership.

(Councillor Campbell-Sturgess entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of the inspection which did not highlight any requirements or recommendations;
- (2) that the Committee note the various actions set out in the report to be undertaken by the service to ensure high quality service delivery; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved in the service provision.

9 Reshaping Care for Older People and Delayed Discharge Performance

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of Inverclyde's performance in relation to delayed discharges, set within the wider context of the range of initiatives in place to respond to the national strategy of Reshaping Care for Older People.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made towards achieving the delayed discharge target and the ongoing work to maintain performance.

10 Joint Thematic Review of MAPPA in Scotland

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the findings of the joint HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and Care Inspectorate Review of the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) in Scotland which was published in November 2015.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

11 Community Justice Transition Plan

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending the draft Inverclyde Community Justice Transition Plan for the period 2016 – 2017.

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Decided: that the Committee note the draft Inverclyde Community Justice Transition Plan appended to the report.

12 Kinship Care Allowance

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the Scottish Government policy to increase and extend eligibility to kinship allowances for certain categories of kinship carers and the implications of this for Inverclyde.

(Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Committee acknowledge and note the implications of the extension of duties on local authorities to increase and extend payment of allowances to kinship carers as detailed in 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)

Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 19 1 and 3 November 2015

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13 Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 19 November 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Social Work Complaints Review Committee on the outcome of a hearing held on 19 November 2015 under the Local Authority Complaints Procedure in respect of the provision of Social Work functions. The Committee noted the terms of the report and upheld the recommendation of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee that 13 elements of the complaint be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

14 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned social care services.

Councillors McCabe and McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that the Committee note the governance report set out in Appendix 1 covering the period 1 October to 30 November 2015.