

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD**MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019 – 1PM****BOARD ROOM 1, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, GREENOCK**

Present: Councillors S McCabe (Chair), G Brooks, L Quinn and E Robertson (Inverclyde Council), Ms A MacPherson (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde), Group Manager D McCarrey (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Superintendent D Leitch (Police Scotland), Ms C Elliott and Ms V Cloney (CVS Inverclyde), Ms S Rae (West College Scotland) and Ms S Kelly (Skills Development Scotland).

In attendance: Mr A Fawcett, Mr S Allan, Ms R Binks, Mr A McEwan, Mr H Scott, Ms L McVey, Ms G Baxter and Ms S Lang (Inverclyde Council), Ms L Long and Ms J Cantley (Inverclyde HSCP).

Apologies for absence: Ms S Kearns (Scottish Government), Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport), Ms K Wallace (Scottish Natural Heritage), Mr K Scarlett (River Clyde Homes) and Mr S McMillan, MSP.

WORKSHOP SESSION – DRUGS INFORMATION AND ACTION REPORT

It was noted that Inverclyde had the highest drug misuse prevalence rate in Scotland including rates for both young men and young women (15-24) which were significantly higher than those of other local authorities in Scotland. In 2018, Inverclyde had the third highest drug-related death rate in Scotland – only Dundee City and Glasgow City had higher rates.

A presentation was made by Margaret McConnachie, Inverclyde HSCP on drug prevalence, the findings of the Dundee Drug Commission 2019 and the lessons Inverclyde could learn from the Commission. Louise Long, Corporate Director, Inverclyde HSCP provided information on the prevalence rate in Inverclyde and advised that the workshop would provide an opportunity for Partners to discuss drug misuse further and explore the data within the key themes of:

- Leadership
- Culture
- Intelligence
- Prevention
- Intervention
- Resources

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE DRUG ACTION PLAN SEMINAR – ACTIONS TO BE AGREED

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the Inverclyde Alliance Drug Action Planning Seminar held on 19 August 2019 and requesting the Alliance Board to note the actions identified by Partners at the seminar and the initial governance routes for action to be delivered.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress to date be noted and agreement be given to further consultation with young people, service users, families and communities to determine if the areas identified by Partners were similar to issues identified by communities;
- (2) that agreement in principle be given to support the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to develop a detailed action plan incorporating the identified themes to deliver change and that this be reported to the Alliance Board on a twice yearly basis; and
- (3) that it be agreed to circulate the Dundee Drug Commission Report 2019 to Partners.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF 17 JUNE 2019

The minute of the meeting of 17 June 2019 was submitted and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no separate matters arising.

BUDGET CONSULTATION

Members were advised by Ms McVey that Inverclyde Council's budget consultation would commence week beginning 28 October 2019.

In this regard, she asked all Partners to engage with their staff, customers and service users with a view to maximising participation by individuals/groups in the consultation exercise and she confirmed that supporting material would be issued to assist with this process.

INVERCLYDE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN – QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Programme Board providing an update on the progress which had been made in implementing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in implementing the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted;
- (2) that the Community Wealth Building report published by Preston City Council be circulated to all Partners; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Board on the level of spend across the Partnership and locally by the anchor institutions included in the Inverclyde-wide Procurement Partnership.

FEEDBACK ON LOCALITY PLANNING EVENTS

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Programme Board providing feedback on the results of, and key themes to emerge from, the locality planning events which had been held across Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the feedback and key themes to emerge from the locality planning events be noted; and
- (2) that a further report, following a review of locality planning, be submitted to the December meeting of the Alliance Board.

PROGRESS ON CHILD POVERTY LOCAL ACTION REPORT 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Programme Board on the feedback from the Child Poverty workshop held in June 2019 and the progress of the two projects in receipt of Anti-Poverty funding in 2019/20. The report also outlined proposals to be delivered as part of the Challenge Poverty Week from 7 to 13 October 2019 which would incorporate the "Deep Dive" into Data Workshop, as approved by the Alliance Board in June 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcomes of the Child Poverty event in June and the progress made with regard to the projects funded by the Inverclyde Council Anti-Poverty Fund be noted; and

(2) that the range of activities proposed during Challenge Poverty Week from 7 to 13 October 2019, including the development and implementation of the “Deep Dive” into Data Workshop, be noted.

INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP 2018/19 UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group and the Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Inverclyde Council on the progress of the Community Safety Partnership in Inverclyde and providing an update on activities since June 2018.

Decided:

- (1) that the work of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership and its associated groups be noted; and
- (2) that the report to the Council’s Education & Communities Committee on the No Knives, Better Lives Programme 10 year review be also submitted to the Alliance Board.

INVERCLYDE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP 2018-2019 UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group and the Chair of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership (VAW MAP) providing an update on the progress of the VAW MAP in 2018-2019.

During the course of discussion on this item, it was suggested that consideration be given to the roll-out of training to larger employers, as had been done by the West Dunbartonshire Partnership. Ms Cantley undertook to give this suggestion further consideration.

Decided: that the work of the Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership as set out in the Annual Report 2018-2019 within Appendix 1 be noted.

INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2018-2019 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to submission of the Annual Report to Community Justice Scotland, pending the addressing of any amendments submitted by Partners.

INVERCLYDE PARTICIPATION MEASURE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Operations, Skills Development Scotland West Region on the publication of the Annual Participation Measure for 16-19 year olds in Scotland 2019.

During the course of discussion on this item, a question was asked as to whether statistics were available on the participation of those over 19 years of age.

Ms Kelly explained that there was no single data source for this although she undertook to ascertain if there was any information available on sustained performance/fall-off rates for over 19s.

Decided:

- (1) that the improvement in the Participation Measure for Inverclyde be noted and that it be agreed to continue to support the mechanisms to encourage young people to participate and to reduce the numbers of unconfirmed destinations; and
- (2) that further “drilled down” information in terms of gender, ethnicity etc. be submitted to a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT ON PRINCIPLES FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Programme Board appending a paper produced by Audit Scotland on the principles for community empowerment.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Audit Scotland paper on the principles for community empowerment be noted; and
- (2) that the statements within the document be used as the basis for a self-evaluation tool kit and that this be reported to a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board would take place at 1pm on Monday 9 December 2019.