

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022 – 1PM

Present: Councillors E Robertson (Chair), S McCabe and G Brooks (Inverclyde Council), Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport), Ms C Elliott (CVS Inverclyde), Ms S Kelly (Skills Development Scotland), Mr S Frew (Scottish Enterprise), Mr R Turnock (River Clyde Homes), Mr C McGhee (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Ms K Wallace (NatureScot), Mr R Cowan MP, Dr F Simpson (Scottish Government), Dr T Martin (NHS GGC) and Mr K Leinster (Inverclyde Alcohol & Drug Partnership).

In attendance: Ms L Long, Mr S Jamieson, Mr T McEwan, Mr S McNab, Mr G Barbour, Ms M Rae, Mr R Macsween, Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Inverclyde Council), and Ms K Rocks (Inverclyde HSCP).

The meeting was held in the Municipal Buildings, Greenock and remotely via WebEx. Councillors Robertson, Brooks, McCabe, Ms L Long, Ms M Rae, Mr R Cowan, Mr K Leinster and Mr R Turnock attended the meeting in person.

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor Robertson welcomed Dr F Simpson, Chief Planner for Scottish Government to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor L Quinn (Inverclyde Council), Ms S Rae (West College Scotland) and Mr S McMillan MSP.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the previous meeting was considered.

With reference to the decision set out at “Presentation on levelling up fund proposals”, it was noted that this should read ‘that the presentation be noted and agreed to support the submission to the UK Government’.

With reference to the decision set out at the “Presentation on the Fraser of Allander Report supporting economic recovery in Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute”, it was noted that this should read ‘that the presentation be noted’.

MATTERS ARISING

Covid 19 Partnership Recovery Plan

Ms Elliott advised the Board that good progress has been made in relation to the Covid 19 memorial work and that an update will be circulated to Members by email.

Partnership Updates

Population - Update on Eastern Gateway

Officers advised that an update report would be submitted to the next meeting.

Inequalities

It was noted that an update by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership in relation to requests made to the Scottish Government will be included as part of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Report when it is considered at a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

Cultural Heritage & Environment

It was noted that an update report on tree planting will be submitted to the next meeting.

It was noted that updates will be provided on climate change in all sub-groups of the Alliance Board for discussion at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION ON DRUG RELATED DEATHS AND WORK OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

The Board heard a presentation by Dr Tony Martin, (NHS GGC) Drug Death Analyst on drug related deaths and the work of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

During the presentation, Councillor Robertson paused the meeting for a five minute recess at 13.20pm to resolve connectivity issues.

The meeting reconvened at 13.25pm without Mr D Martin and Mr C McGhee.

Councillor Robertson moved the meeting on to discuss the next item of business to permit Dr Martin to resolve his connectivity issues.

Dr Martin re-joined the meeting during discussion of the next item and the presentation reconvened after that.

Thereafter Dr Martin answered a number of questions in relation to the presentation. Following the presentation and questions, Councillor Robertson expressed her thanks on behalf of the Alliance Board to Dr Martin and Mr Leinster for their attendance at the meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the presentation be noted.

Dr T Martin and Ms K Wallace left the meeting after the presentation.

INVERCLYDE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2022

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

During discussion on this item, Councillor Robertson paused the meeting for a five minute recess at 13.55pm to resolve ongoing connectivity issues. The meeting reconvened at 14.02pm without Ms K Wallace. Dr Martin re-joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Population

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Population Partnership Group providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in implementing the Repopulation priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in implementing the Population priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

Economy

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment and Regeneration, Inverclyde Council providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in implementing the Economy priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided: that the progress made in implementing the Economy priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

Ms S Kelly left the meeting at this juncture.

Inequalities

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in the implementation of the Inequalities priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017–2022 and including a flash report.

Mr S McNab joined the meeting at this juncture.

Decided:

(1) that the progress made in implementing the Inequalities priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted.

Ms K Wallace re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

Cultural, Heritage and Environment

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing an update on the delivery and progress which has been made in the implementation of the Cultural and Heritage priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022 and including a flash report.

Decided:

(1) that the progress made in implementing the Cultural and Heritage priority of the LOIP 2017-2022 be noted; and

(2) that a development session on Net Zero be arranged following the Alliance Board meeting to be held in March 2023.

Mr C McGhee re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

PRESENTATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE

The Board heard a presentation by Ms M Rae, Service Manager Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnerships, Inverclyde Council providing information on (1) the development of the Inverclyde Alliance, (2) the new partnership plan (3) partnership health check, (4) the upcoming development session on locality planning with Ayrshire local authorities and (5) the Annual Alliance report.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

AOCB

It was noted that Chief Superintendent David Duncan, Police Scotland will no longer be attending Alliance Board meetings and that it was remitted to officers from Inverclyde Council to submit a report to the next meeting in relation to vice chair nominations. Councillor Robertson asked that her appreciation and thanks for the work undertaken by Chief Superintendent Duncan be recorded.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board will take place at 1pm on Monday 5 December 2022.