

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2021

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 25 February 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Murphy (for Jackson), MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, IJB Chief Financial Officer and Interim Head of Strategy & Support Services, Interim Head of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Recovery Services, Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Technical Services Manager, ICT Services Manager and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

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(Councillor Quinn entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson, with Councillor Murphy substituting.

Councillors Brooks, MacLeod and Robertson declared interests in Agenda Item 2 (Health & Social Care Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Log).

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There were submitted updated report and replacement Appendix 1 of Appendix C to the report providing an update on Health & Social Care Services including the current service response to COVID-19, related interim changes to services, governance of external providers and the Social Care financial position at Period 9.

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

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out. Both Members formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process. During the course of discussion on this item, Councillor Robertson declared a financial interest in Section 4.9 of the report (Winter Grant) as a foster carer, one of the groups of potential recipients of direct grants and support packages. She did not take part in

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any consideration of this section of the report and left the meeting prior to any decision-making in relation to the recommendation on Winter Grant funding.

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 Appendix E to the report (Governance of Externally Commissioned Social Care Services) 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.

Following consideration of Appendix E, the Committee returned to public session to consider Section 4.13 (HSCP Senior Management: Interim Strategic Arrangements) and the recommendations set out in the report.

Decided: that the Committee note the report and in particular:

- (a) the update on the COVID-19 Recovery Plan and the new Workplace Wellbeing Plan;
- (b) that the previously agreed HSCP Recovery Plan has been paused while services deal with current lockdown implications for services across the HSCP;
- (c) that significant progress has been made in the vaccination programme for HSCP staff, care home residents and staff within care homes and other providers;
- (d) the update on the new Learning Disability (LD) Hub programme and that the LD Day Centre remains open to 20% of current clients, based on a risk assessment, with outreach being offered to others;
- (e) the River Clyde Homes (RCH) tenant consultation regarding the proposed change within Glebe Court and Monkton Place moving to a retirement housing model;
- (f) the Mental Health update including the introduction of the new Mental Health Assessment Unit model (MHAU) in Greater Glasgow & Clyde and the introduction of the Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) Programme commissioned by Inverclyde HSCP;
- (g) the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service (ADRS) update including the introduction of a new Drug and Alcohol information System (DAISy) to replace the current database and improve reporting on recovery; and
- (h) the update on the Promise;
- (2) that an annual report on Inverclyde HSCP's contribution to delivering The Promise be submitted to the Committee;
- (3) that it be agreed to ratify the decisions made, as outlined in the HSCP log, including the reduction of some services to essential only visits in response to demands for the service and capacity issues;
- (4) that it be noted that the projected revenue outturn for Social Work as at 31 December 2020 is an overspend of £690,000 which is an increase of £454,000 in the overspend reported at Period 7;
- (5) that it be agreed to note the governance report for the period 28 November 2020 to 28 January 2021, with Members acknowledging that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and Managing Poorly Performing Services Guidance within the Contract Management Framework as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement;
- (6) that it be agreed to note the ongoing discussions on revised senior management team arrangements which will be reported back as soon as possible to the Committee for information;
- (7) that approval be given to the temporary alteration to the Council financial

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reporting arrangements and that it be agreed to note the new post of Head of Finance, Planning & Resources who will also be the IJB Chief Financial Officer on a full-time basis, funded through the additional professional leadership recurrent funding approved by the IJB in March 2020, together with the creation of a Finance Manager to support budgeting and financial planning across Social Care and Health;

(8) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership to carry out an evaluation of the new arrangements for financial monitoring and to report back to the Committee in the summer of 2022;

(9) that it be noted that there is no financial impact on the Council relative to the proposed new structure and that the finalised structure will be reported back to the Committee as soon as possible; and

(10) that approval be given to the use of the Children's Services Winter Grant funding comprising £80,000 to residential care, £179,800 for children's hearings recovery impact and £127,800 for vulnerable children and young people, it being noted that this funding is still subject to clarification from the Scottish Government on carry forward arrangements.

Councillor Robertson left the meeting prior to the Committee taking a decision in relation to recommendation 10 above.