

## THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

### The Inverclyde Council

**Thursday 28 September 2023 at 6:40pm**

**Present:** Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Law, McCabe, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson.

**Chair:** Provost McKenzie presided.

**In attendance:**

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Hugh Scott	Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Armstrong, Law, McCormick and McGuire attending remotely.

#### **518 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jackson and McCluskey.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

#### **519 Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Council of the outcome of the second round of consultation in the present review process and other engagement conducted by officers, and having regard to those responses (2) seeking formal resolution to publish a final draft Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde for a third round of public consultation.

**Decided:**

(1) That the outcome of the second round of consultation (Stage 2) and the recommendations of officers, all as contained in the body and appendices of the report, be noted;

(2) that, having regard to the outcome of consultation and other engagement conducted to date, all as detailed in the report, the Inverclyde Council resolves that the final draft Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde, as detailed in appendix 3 of the report (including names and boundaries for Community Council Areas as outlined in the report), be published for a further 4 week period of consultation (Stage 3) as the amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde that the Inverclyde Council proposes to adopt;

(3) that it be noted that following such further consultation, a report will be brought to a future Special Meeting of the Inverclyde Council on the outcome of such further consultation; and

(4) that it be noted that if (a) a Scheme in the form proposed in this report be ultimately adopted as a new Scheme, and (b) following the first set of elections under such a Scheme, there remain community council areas without an established community council, then officers will bring a report to a future meeting of the Inverclyde Council within a period of not more than 12 months following the completion of such elections on developments of community council activity, which report may include recommendations for a further review, in whole or in part of the Scheme and/or the community council areas.