

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 26 September 2024 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Lynsey Brown	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Jonathan Hinds	Chief Social Work Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Emma Peacock	Solicitor
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance and Communications Manager

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, McGuire, Quinn and Reynolds attending remotely.

429 **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Law.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost referred to the recent unveiling of a permanent memorial in Gourock's Chapel Street Cemetery to commemorate the sinking of the Mary of Iona ship in 1822 with the loss of 42 lives. The Provost thanked Mr David Carnduff for leading the campaign to create the memorial, those who travelled from Iona and Mull for the unveiling, Councillors Quinn, Reynolds and Crowther and Inverclyde Council's Ground Services team.

The Provost also referred to the election of Councillor Martin McCluskey as Member of Parliament for the Inverclyde and Renfrewshire West Constituency at the recent General Election, wishing him success in his new role, and acknowledged the work of Mr Ronnie Cowan, who previously held the seat.

Minutes of Meetings of

The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards

430 **General Purposes Board – 12 June 2024**

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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431	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 13 June 2024	431
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
432	Inverclyde Council – 13 June 2024	432
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
433	Audit Committee – 27 June 2024	433
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
434	Planning Board – 7 August 2024	434
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
435	Local Review Body – 7 August 2024	435
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
436	Policy & Resources Committee – 13 August 2024	436
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
437	General Purposes Board – 14 August 2024	437
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
438	Audit Committee – 20 August 2024	438
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
439	Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 27 August 2024	439
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
440	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 29 August 2024	440
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
441	Grants Sub-Committee – 2 September 2024	441
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie	
442	Education & Communities Committee – 3 September 2024	442
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
443	Planning Board – 4 September 2024	443
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	

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444	Local Review Body – 4 September 2024	444
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
445	General Purposes Board – 11 September 2024	445
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.	
446	Policy & Resources Committee – 17 September 2024	446
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
447	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel – 19 September 2024	447
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
448	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2023-24	448
	There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, (1) presenting the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2023-24, and (2) seeking approval for submission of the report to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor to the Scottish Government.	
	Decided:	
	(1) that the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2023-24 be noted, and	
	(2) that approval be given to the submission of the report to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor to the Scottish Government.	
449	Annual Report on Progress of Trauma Informed Council Initiatives	449
	There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on Inverclyde Council's adoption of the Leadership Pledge of Support to become a trauma informed organisation, and (2) presenting the Trauma Informed and Responsive Inverclyde Delivery and Improvement Plan 2023/24.	
	Decided:	
	(1) that the contents of the report be noted; and	
	(2) that it be agreed to continue to support the implementation of the National Trauma Training Programme and development of trauma informed approaches across the local authority.	
450	2023/24 Annual Audit Report – Meeting Request	450
	There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for a meeting of the Inverclyde Council to be convened on 24 October 2024 at 4pm to consider the 2023/24 Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit.	
	Decided: that (a) it be agreed to hold a meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 24 October 2024 at 4pm to consider the 2023/24 Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit, and (b) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Provost and Leader of the Council to agree an alternate date and time should that be necessary.	

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the necessary requirements to ensure political balance on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies, where appropriate, following (1) the resignation from the SNP Group of Councillor Kirsty Law who will now sit within the Council as an independent Elected Member; and (2) the resignation of Councillor Martin McCluskey as an Elected Member of the Council in respect of Ward 5 (Inverclyde West).

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the new political balance applying to Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies, as detailed in the appendices to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the membership of Inverclyde Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards, together with Convenors and Vice-Convenors, be agreed as follows:

POLICY & RESEOURCES COMMITTEE

(a) SNP place transferred to Councillor Law as an Independent Member, (b) Councillor McCluskey replaced by Councillor Moran, and (c) Councillor McGuire to be Vice-Convenor:

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Moran | 8. Councillor Armstrong |
| 3. Councillor McCormick | 9. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Councillor Wilson |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Nelson |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convener: Councillor McCabe

Vice-Convenor: Councillor McGuire

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Councillor McCabe to come off Committee and place carried as a vacancy until after by-election:

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| 1. Councillor McCormick | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Crowther |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor Quinn |
| 5. Vacancy until after by-election | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convener: Councillor McCormick

Vice-Conveners: Councillor Cassidy (Environment)
Councillor Clocherty (Regeneration)

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Councillor Law to be replaced by Councillor Reynolds:

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 7. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor Brennan | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Armstrong | |

Convener: Councillor Clocherty

Vice-Conveners: Councillor Brennan (Education)

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Councillor McGuire (Communities)

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

(a) Councillor Clocherty to be replaced by Councillor McCabe, (b) Councillors Reynolds and Councillor McCluskey to come off Committee and places carried as vacancies until after by-election, and (c) Councillor Jackson to be Vice-Convenor:

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| 1. Councillor Jackson | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. Vacancy until after by-election | 8. Councillor Daisley |
| 3. Councillor Brennan | 9. Vacancy until after by-election |
| 4. Councillor Cassidy | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor McCabe | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Robertson | |

Convener: Councillor Brennan

Vice-Convenor: Councillor Jackson

AUDIT COMMITTEE

(a) Councillor Reynolds to be replaced by Councillor Law, and (b) Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor Clocherty:

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor McCormick | 10. Councillor Nelson |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Convener: Councillor Wilson

Vice-Convenor: Councillor Curley

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD

(a) Councillor Crowther to come off Committee and place carried as a vacancy until after by-election, and (b) Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor Jackson:

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. Councillor Jackson | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Cassidy | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Curley | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Vacancy until after by-election | |

Chair: Councillor Moran

Vice Chair: Councillor Curley

PLANNING BOARD

SNP place transferred to Councillor Law as an Independent Member

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Chair: Councillor McVey

Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD

SNP place transferred to Councillor Law as an Independent Member

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Quinn |
| 3. Councillor Law | |
| Chair: Councillor Brennan | |
| Vice-Chair: Councillor Clocherty | |

POLICY & RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

(a) Councillor Curley to be replaced by Councillor Law, (b) Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor McGuire, and (c) Councillor McGuire to be Vice-Convenor:

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 4. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 5. Councillor McVey |
| 3. Councillor Robertson | 6. Councillor Wilson |
| Convenor: Councillor McCabe | |
| Vice-Convenor: Councillor McGuire | |

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

No change:

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Crowther | 6. Councillor Brooks |
| Chair: Councillor Brooks | |

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

No change:

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McCabe | 6. Councillor McVey |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 7. Councillor Brooks |
| 4. Councillor Crowther | |
| Chair: Councillor McVey | |
| Vice Chair: Councillor Curley | |

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SNP place transferred to Councillor Law as an Independent Member:

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Moran | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Crowther | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Daisley | |
| Chair: Councillor Wilson | |
| Vice-Chair: Provost McKenzie | |

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

No change:

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| 1. Councillor Cassidy | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor McCabe | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Curley | 6. Councillor Brooks |
| Convenor: Councillor Curley | |
| Vice-Convenor: Provost McKenzie | |

(4) that appointments be made to Outside Bodies as follows:

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COSLA Board for Health and Social Care – Councillor Jackson to replace Councillor McCluskey

Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet (Joint Committee) – Councillor McGuire to replace Councillor McCluskey as Substitute Member

Inverclyde Integration Joint Board – Councillor Brennan to replace Councillor McCluskey
Scotland Excel Joint Committee – Councillor Clocherty to replace Councillor McCluskey
Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholders Group – Councillor Cassidy to replace Councillor McCluskey

Greenock Arts Guild Board – Councillor Brennan to replace Councillor McCluskey

Gourock – Dunnon Infrastructure and Vessels Project – Councillor Reynolds to replace Councillor McCluskey

(5) that it be noted the political balance will require to be considered again when the result of the forthcoming by-election is confirmed.

452 Establishment of Programme Board

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) requesting that the Council approves the establishment of a Programme Board to consider the workstream savings identified through the 2024/26 budget setting process, and (2) seeking nominations for the Programme Board in line with the Council's political balance.

Decided:

(1) that the establishment of a Programme Board on the Terms of Reference detailed at appendix 1 to the report be agreed; and

(2) that it be agreed that (a) the following Elected Members be appointed to the Programme Board: Councillors McCabe, McGuire, Clocherty, McCormick, Robertson, Curley, Armstrong, Brooks, McVey, Law and Quinn, and (b) the Convener of the Board be appointed by the Programme Board.

453 Funding Contribution to the Jo Cox Foundation

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) advising of a decision by COSLA for individual Councils to consider supporting a request for a funding contribution to the Jo Cox Foundation, and (2) seeking a decision as to whether Inverclyde Council will contribute to the Foundation.

Decided:

(1) that the terms of this report and the letter received from COSLA in relation to the Jo Cox Foundation be noted; and

(2) that it be agreed a one-off donation of £500 be made to the Jo Cox Foundation from the Members Services budget.

454 Inverclyde Socio-Economic Task Force

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There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update in respect of the Inverclyde Socio-Economic Task Force.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that a meeting will be arranged to consider the next steps of the Socio-Economic Task Force with a report being brought to a future meeting of the Council.

455 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2023/24 – Remit from the Policy & Resources Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting consideration of a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 13 August 2024 relative to the Treasury Management Annual Report 2023/24.

Decided: that the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2023/24, as required under the terms of the Treasury Management Practice 6 (TMP6) on 'Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements', be approved.

456	Management Rules for Parks in Inverclyde – Remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee	456
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting consideration of a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 29 August 2024 relative to the Management Rules for Parks in Inverclyde.

Decided: that (a) the Parks Management Rules for 2024-2034 be approved, and (b) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to formally make the rules in accordance with statutory procedure.

Private Appendices to Minutes

457	General Purposes Board – 12 June 2024	457
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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

458	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 13 June 2024	458
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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

459	General Purposes Board – 14 August 2024	459
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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

460	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 29 August 2024	460
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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.