

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 11 MARCH 2025

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Daisley, Hellyer, Jackson, McCabe and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Brennan presided.

In attendance:

Craig Given	Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP) (for Chief Officer, Inverclyde HSCP)
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Jonathan Hinds	Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Alan Best	Interim Head of Health & Community Care (Inverclyde HSCP)
Maxine Ward	Head of Addiction and Homelessness Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Margaret McIntyre	Head of Children & Families and Justice (Inverclyde HSCP)
Emma Bilsland	Child's Planning and Improvement Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Rose Traynor	Mental Health Social Work Service Manager (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost McKenzie, Councillors Cassidy, Daisley, Hellyer and Robertson attending remotely.

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

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| 109 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 109 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Law.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:
Agenda item 5 (Joint Inspection of Adult Services) – Councillor McCabe</p> | |
| 110 | Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2024/25 Revenue Outturn Position as at 31 December 2024 | 110 |

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Head of Finance, Planning & Resources, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, on the projected outturn on revenue and capital for 2024/25 as at 31 December 2024.

Decided:

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(1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.111million overspend at 31 December 2024 be noted;

(1) that the current projected capital position be noted; and

(2) that the current reserves position be noted.

111 Inverclyde HSCP Collaborative Care Home Support Team (CCHST) 111

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an overview of the work undertaken by the local HSCP Collaborative Care Home Support Team which included significant areas of improvement and good practice.

Decided: that the contents of the report and the assurances concerning the work of the Collaborative Care Home Support Team be noted.

112 Inspection of Children's Residential Houses 112

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the outcome of the Care Inspectorate's unannounced inspection in respect of The View children's home on 7 and 8 January 2025.

Decided:

(1) that the content of the report and the improvement activity action plan, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and

(2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Panel be extended to all young people and staff involved in the inspection process.

113 Joint Inspection on Adult Services: Update 113

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the progress made in relation to the HSCP Improvement Plan following the joint inspection by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland of Adult Services: Integration and Outcomes, with a focus on people living with mental illness.

Councillor McCabe declared a connection in this item as an unpaid carer. He also formed the view that the nature of his connection and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process and was declaring for transparency.

Decided: that the progress made within the Improvement Plan, as appended to the report, be noted.

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 the following item 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.

114 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 114

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the Health & Social Care Partnership governance processes for Externally Commissioned Social Care Services.

Decided:

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- (1) that the governance report for the period 30 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 be noted; and
- (2) that Members acknowledge that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and managing poorly performing services guidance within the Contract Management Framework is sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.