

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 13 MAY 2025

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty (for Hellyer) Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Brennan presided.

In attendance:

Jonathan Hinds	Chief Social Work Officer (for Interim Chief Officer, Inverclyde HSCP)
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Margaret McIntyre	Head of Children & Families and Justice (Inverclyde HSCP)
Joyce Allan	Interim Head of Adult Social Work (Inverclyde HSCP)
Samantha White	Principal Accountant – Social Care (Inverclyde HSCP)
Emma Bilsland	Child's Planning and Improvement Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brooks, Cassidy, Daisley and Law 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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| 226 | <p>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost McKenzie and Councillor Hellyer, with Councillor Clocherty substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | 226 |
| 227 | <p>Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2024/25 Revenue Outturn Position as at 28 February 2025</p> <p>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 28 February 2025.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.027million overspend at 28 February 2025 be noted;</p> <p>(2) that the current projected capital position be noted; and</p> <p>(3) that the current reserves position and the intention to allocate any year end overspend against the appropriate reserves be noted.</p> | 227 |
| 228 | <p>Inspection of Children's Residential Houses – Crosshill and Kylemore</p> | 228 |

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the outcomes of the Care Inspectorate's unannounced inspections in respect of Crosshill Residential Children's House in January 2025 and Kylemore Residential Children's House in February 2025.

Decided:

- (1) that the (a) outcomes of the inspections, and (b) the Improvement Action Plan appended to the report be noted; and
- (2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Panel be conveyed to all staff, young people and their families who were involved in the inspection process.

229 **Supported Living Service Care Inspectorate Inspection 8 May 2025** 229

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 follow-up inspections of Inverclyde's Supported Living Team and Care at Home Service (Adult Learning Disability) in May 2024.

Decided:

- (1) that the recent Care Inspectorate inspections of the Supported Living Team and Care at Home Service (Adult Learning Disability) be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that all improvement actions were completed within the agreed timescales.

230 **Fostering, Adoption and Continuing Care Update Improvement Activity** 230

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of ongoing improvement activity that has taken place since the Care Inspectorate's inspection of Adoption, Fostering and Adult (Continuing Care) Services in May 2024, these services being collectively referred to as Family Based Care.

Decided: that the active improvement activity undertaken by the Family Based Care Service 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.

231 **Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations** 231

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. In response to questions from members, the Service Manager, Quality & Development Service provided a verbal update on Glenfield Care Home, Greenock, all as detailed in the private appendix.

Decided:

- (1) that the governance report for the period 1 February 2025 to 16 April 2025 be noted;
- (2) that Members acknowledge that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and managing poorly performing services guidance

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within the Contract Management Framework is sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement; and

(3) that the verbal update on Glenfield Care Home be noted, all as detailed in the private appendix.