

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 10 APRIL 2025

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 10 April 2025 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Lynsey Brown	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Angela Edmiston	Interim Chief Financial Officer
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Neale McIlvanney	Head of Service – Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection
Hugh Scott	Service Manager, Inclusive Communities
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance and Communications Manager

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

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost referred to Ms Louise Long, Chief Executive, and her forthcoming departure from the Council. The Provost thanked Ms Long for the professionalism and kindness she had brought to the role of Chief Executive, and the interest she had shown in Members. On behalf of the Council the Provost thanked Ms Long for her service and wished her well in her new role at NHS Lanarkshire.

185 **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Daisley and Councillor Quinn.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Minutes of Meetings of The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and Boards

186 **General Purposes Board - 11 December 2024**

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Jackson.

187 **Appointment Panel - Head of Children, Families and Justice - 4 November 2024**

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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188	Appointment Panel – Head of Children, Families and Justice - 22 November 2024	188
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
189	Inverclyde Council - 27 February 2025	189
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
190	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) - 28 February 2025	190
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Cassidy.	
191	Audit Committee - 4 March 2025	191
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
192	Local Review Body - 5 March 2025	192
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.	
193	Inverclyde Council (Special) - 6 March 2025	193
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
194	Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel - 11 March 2025	194
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
195	General Purposes Board - 12 March 2025	195
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Jackson.	
196	Environment & Regeneration Committee - 13 March 2025	196
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
197	Education & Communities Committee - 18 March 2025	197
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
198	Policy & Resources Committee - 25 March 2025	198
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McGuire.	
199	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel - 27 March 2025	199
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
200	Planning Board - 2 April 2025	200
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	

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201	Local Review Body - 2 April 2025 Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.	201
202	Community Council Update Report <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the development of community council activity in the period since the completion of the 2023 Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde and the completion of the 2024 Community Council Election process on 12 February 2024.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the terms of the report be noted, both in relation to activity to date and proposed actions of officers;</p> <p>(2) that the Council approves the holding of future interim elections as detailed in the body of the report seeking to establish community councils for the following community council areas (a) Greenock Central, and (b) Holfarm and Cowdenknowes; and</p> <p>(3) that the Council appoints the Chief Executive to act as Returning Officer in such interim elections and that delegated authority be granted to them to administer these elections, including but not limited to all necessary decisions in relation to the timing, form and process of elections and related polls and counts, on the Council's behalf.</p>	202
203	Local Development Plan: Evidence Report and Scoping Report <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection seeking approval of the Local Development Plan 'Evidence Report' and 'Scoping Report', in order that both documents can be submitted to Scottish Government for Gatecheck review.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Evidence Report for the Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the Local Development Plan Scoping Report be approved;</p> <p>(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection to make final amendments to the Evidence Report and Scoping Report required for editorial purposes; and</p> <p>(3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection to submit the Evidence Report and Scoping Report to the Scottish Ministers for the Gatecheck.</p>	203
204	SNP Group – Proposed Change to Outside Body Representation <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council considers a change proposed by the SNP Group to its representation on the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.</p> <p>Decided: that agreement be given to the following change to the SNP Group representation on the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership: Councillor Armstrong to be replaced by Councillor Daisley.</p>	204
205	Capital Strategy 2025-2035 and Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2025/26-2027/28 – Remit from the Policy & Resources Committee	205

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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 25 March 2025 seeking approval of the Capital Strategy 2025-35 and the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy 2025/26-2027/28.

Decided:

- (1) that the Capital Strategy 2025-35 be approved; and
- (2) that the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy 2025/26-2027/28 be approved.

Private Appendices to Minutes

206	General Purposes Board – 11 December 2024	206
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