

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HSCP FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
held in the BY SKYPE
on FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2020**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green, Argyll and Bute Council (Chair)
Sarah Compton Bishop, NHS Highland Non-Executive Board Member (Vice Chair)
Elizabeth Higgins, Lead Nurse, NHS Highland
Prof. Boyd Robertson, Chair of NHS Highland
Councillor Sandy Taylor, Argyll and Bute Council

Attending: Joanna MacDonald, Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Judy Orr, Head of Finance and Transformation, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Fiona Broderick, Staffside Lead, Argyll and Bute HSCP (Health)
Caroline Cherry, Head of Adult Services, HSCP
David Forshaw, Principal Accountant, Argyll and Bute Council
Julie Lusk, Head of Adult Services, HSCP
Hazel MacInnes, Committee Services Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
George Morrison, Head of Finance, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Jim Rundell, Audit Scotland
Alex Taylor, Chief Social Worker/Head of Children and Families, Argyll and Bute HSCP

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence intimated on behalf of Councillor Gary Mulvaney and Charlotte Craig.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Argyll and Bute HSCP Finance and Policy Committee held on 13 May 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. ACTION LOG 2020-21

The Committee gave consideration to the Action Log 2020-21.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee -

1. Noted the content of the Action Log.

2. Noted that the Transformation Update presentation would be carried forward to the next meeting of the Committee as transformation meetings had been put on hold due to Covid-19.

Reference: Report by Business Improvement Manager dated June 2020, submitted)

5. BUDGET MONITORING AS AT 31 MAY 2020

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing a summary of the financial position of the Health and Social Care Partnership as at 31 May 2020.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the forecast outturn position for 2020-21 is a forecast overspend of £6.084m as at 31 May 2020 and that there is a year to date overspend of £1.577m as at the same date.
2. Noted the above position excludes any provision for Scottish Government assistance with non-delivery of savings due to Covid, or for the ongoing dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

(Reference: Report by head of Finance and Transformation dated June 2020, submitted)

6. COVID-19 RESPONSE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an overview of the Health and Social Care Partnership's Covid-19 mobilisation readiness and its future planning for living and operating with Covid-19. The report provided a snapshot of the financial estimates of the costs of dealing with the Covid-19 response. The cost estimates were updated on a weekly basis and were still subject to considerable uncertainties.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the details provided in relation to Covid-19 response and associated mobilisation plan costing.
2. Acknowledged the uncertainties in the cost elements submitted.
3. Noted that the Scottish Government had, in principle, approved all mobilisation plans, but that approval for individual cost lines had not yet been received.

(Reference: Report by Head of Finance and Transformation dated June 2020, submitted)

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Head of Finance and Transformation requested that another meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee be held before the Integration Joint Board meeting on 5 August 2020. This was to enable the presentation of month three figures and updated Covid-19 costs before consideration by the Board. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged towards the end of July and members of the Committee would be notified of a suitable date in due course.