

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HSCP FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
held BY SKYPE
on FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2021**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

Graham Bell
Sarah Compton-Bishop
Elizabeth Higgins

Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending: George Morrison, Depute Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
David Forshaw, Principal Accountant, Argyll and Bute Council
Louise Beattie, Service Improvement Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
John Dreghorn, Service Improvement Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Lynsey Innis, Senior Committee Assistant, Argyll and Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Fiona Davies, Interim Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Caroline Cherry, Head of Older Adult Services, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Julie Lusk, Head of Adult Services, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Jane Fowler, Head of Customer Support Services, Argyll and Bute Council
Brian Reid, Acting Head of Service, Children and Families and Justice Social Work,
Argyll and Bute HSCP
Stephen Whiston, Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, Argyll and Bute
HSCP
Kevin McIntosh, Staffside, Argyll and Bute Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on 21 May 2021, was approved as a correct record.

Elizabeth Higgins left the meeting at 2:00pm, during discussion of agenda item 4 (Budget Monitoring as at 31 May 2021).

4. BUDGET MONITORING AS AT 31 MAY 2021

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided a summary of the financial position of the Health and Social Care Partnership as at 31 May 2021. Information on both the year to date position and the forecast outturn position was also provided.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted that the forecast outturn position for 2021/22 is an overspend of £2.641m.
2. Noted that there is a year to date underspend of £2.989m as at 31 May 2021.
3. Noted the verbal update from the principal Accountant, which provided an early indicative significant improvement of the forecast outturn position as at 30 June 2021.

(Reference: Report by Deputy Chief Officer, dated 25 June 2021, submitted)

5. TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report outlining the key areas of focus for transformation work planned for 2021/22. The report summarised the progress of each programme and project in the successful delivery of its outcomes. Information was also provided from the meeting of the Transformation Board on 4 June 2021.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Considered the progress which was presented to the Transformation Board on 4 June 2021.
2. Commented on the projects and their RAG status.
3. Provided additional scrutiny and governance in connection with the progress being made towards the successful delivery of the HSCP transformational aspirations.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 25 June 2021, submitted)

6. SAVINGS PROGRESS UPDATE - CORPORATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provide a summary of the Corporate Services savings position as at 31 May 2021, the current challenges to the delivery of savings and planned actions to progress the outstanding savings.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the corporate savings achieved in 2020/21 and savings carried forward in 2021/22.
2. Noted the progress in respect of the corporate savings programme as at 31 May 2021.
3. Noted the challenges to achieving the savings proposals.
4. Noted the actions planned to recover the outstanding savings proposals.

(Reference: Report by Service Improvement Officer, dated 25 June 2021, submitted)

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Finance and Policy Committee noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Friday, 27 August 2021.