

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HSCP FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
held by MICROSOFT TEAMS
on FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2022**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

Graham Bell Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Sarah Compton-Bishop Kenny Mathieson

Attending: George Morrison, Depute Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
James Gow, Head of Finance and Transformation, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Caroline Cherry, Head of Adult Services, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Stephen Whiston, Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, Argyll and Bute HSCP
David Gibson, Head of Children, Families and Justice, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Evan Beswick, Head of Primary Care, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Dr Nicola Schiania, Associate Director of Public Health, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Charlotte Craig, Business Improvement Manager, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Donald Watt, Service Manager, Resources, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Linda Currie, Lead AHP, NHS Highland
Lorna Jordan, Senior Accountant, Argyll and Bute Council
Abbie MacIver, Accountant, Argyll and Bute Council
Kevin McIntosh, Staffside, Argyll and Bute Council
Lynsey Innis, Senior Committee Assistant, Argyll and Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Councillor Sandy Taylor
Elizabeth Higgins, Non-Executive Board Member, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Fiona Davies, Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Fiona Broderick, Staffside, Argyll and Bute HSCP

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Sarah Compton-Bishop declared a non-financial interest in relation to agenda item 7 (Jura Community Care Flat) due to a family connection within the Jura Care Centre Group.

3. MINUTES

The minute of the previous meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on 21 January 2022, was approved as a correct record.

4. BUDGET MONITORING - 10 MONTHS TO 31 JANUARY 2022

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided a summary of the financial position of the Health and Social Care Partnership for the 10 months to 31 January 2022 and an updated financial forecast for the year. The report also provided an update on the savings programme and additional in-year funding allocation to help manage winter pressures.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Welcomed the Month 10 forecast and noted that the outturn position is an underspend of £122k.
2. Noted that it is anticipated that unspent funds will be carried forward as earmarked reserves and that the IJB expects to repay debt owed to Argyll and Bute Council early.
3. Noted that there is a year to date underspend of £357k at 31 January 2022.

(Reference: Report by Head of Finance and Transformation, dated 25 February 2022, submitted)

5. 2022/23 BUDGET UPDATE REPORT

Consideration was given to a report providing an update in respect of the budget setting process for 2022-23.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted that good progress is being made in the finalisation of the budget for 2022/23 and that it is anticipated that the IJB will be able to set a balanced budget.
2. Noted that there may be some limited scope to reduce the savings target as the budget is finalised, depending on funding allocations.

(Reference: Report by Head of Finance and Transformation, dated 25 February 2022, submitted)

6. TRANSFORMATION AND SAVINGS UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the progress of the Transformation Programme. The report also outlined key pieces of work and provided an update in respect of the savings programme for the current year and next year.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the progress with the Transformation Programme.

2. Commented and provided scrutiny in connection with progress and direction of the programme and its priorities.
3. Noted progress with the savings programme and the draft charters.

(Reference: Report by Head of Finance and Transformation, dated 25 February 2022, submitted)

7. JURA COMMUNITY CARE FLAT

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the saving originally proposed for the respite flat and office together with progress on developing an agreement with Jura Care Centre on use of this facility.

Decision

The Finance and Policy Committee –

1. Noted the content of the report.
2. Discussed progress with negotiations between HSCP and Jura Care Centre Group to clarify function and budget of the flat and recommendations to review usage and function as a facility for the island.
3. Noted the cost of £6k moving from Council to NHS costs for Islay to reflect the use of the office costs.
4. Noted that no savings would be achieved this financial year.

(Reference: Report by Head of Older Adults & Community Hospitals, dated 25 February 2022, submitted)

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Finance and Policy Committee noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Friday, 18 March 2022.