Inverness Community Partnership (ICP)

ACTION & AGREEMENT NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 11.00 in Leaders Meeting Room, Council Headquarters and via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: Chair Cllr Chris Ballance (CB); Jamie Kellas (JK); David Haas (DH); John Taylor (JT); Victoria Clark (VC); Cllr Isabelle MacKenzie (IM); Munro Ross (MR); Cllr Kate MacLean (KM); Cllr Jackie Hendry (JH); Melissa MacDonald (MM); Yasmin Watkins (YW); Pauline Krawehl (PK); Cllr Trish Robertson (TR); Cllr Michael Cameron (MC); Roddy Bailey (RB); Aisling Phillips (AP); Sarah Kinghorn (SK); Rory Anderson (RA); Craig Masterton (CM); Kyria Yearsley (KY); Mark Greig (MG); Cllr Alex Graham (AG); Owen McManus (OM); Karen Halkett (KH); Kathleen Macleod (KM); Hannah Barrows (HB); Liam Paterson (LP); Darren Reid (DR); John Taylor (JT); Vicki Clark (VC); Ian MacKinnon (IM); Dawn Walker (DW); Owen McManus (OM); Cllr Bill Boyd (BB); Cllr Alex Graham (AG); Kasia Wilczynska (KW); Kate O'Brien (KO'B); Sara Thorpe (ST)

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEADS
1.	**Welcome / Introductions**	**CB** welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees are noted above.	
2.	**Previous Action Note / Updates**	• Updated contact list remains outstanding and requires completion • Work to increase partnership visibility: Pop-up banner now installed in Victorian Market – Initial progress made *Actions:* • Continue developing partnership visibility opportunities (e.g. expansion beyond banner presence).	*JK/MG/EM* *Partnership team*
3.	**Meeting Themes for 2026**	Partner feedback survey identified priority themes: • Youth support/provision (Highest priority) • Hate Crime • Employability (incl. childcare & food access) • Community resilience (future focus) *Actions* • Develop forward meeting schedule aligned to agreed themes. • Bring forward community resilience discussion ahead of winter period. Lead: ICP Chair / coordination team <u>Action Tracker Improvement</u> Key Points • New streamlined action tracker developed • Low partner engagement in providing updates limits effectiveness *Actions* • Partners to provide updates for action tracker.	*ICP coordination team* *ICP Chair / coordination team* *All Partners* *JK*

		• Circulate updates tracker once sufficiently populated. <u>Partnership Working & Key Theme (Cross-Cutting)</u> Key Points • Strong emphasis across discussion: • Need to improve coordination and data sharing • Move from discussion to delivery/implementation • Focus on hard-to-reach families and young people *Actions* • Develop coordinated, multi-agency approach to targeting vulnerable groups • Use partnership networks to improve reach into disengaged families	*ICP partners* *All Agencies*
4.	**Community Learning & Development (CLD) Delivery Group Overview**	*Presented by John Taylor* <u>Key Points</u> • CLD Delivery Group aligned to statutory guidance and 3-year plan (2024–2027) • Focus areas: • Volunteering, employment & training • Voice and participation • Health and wellbeing • Broad multi-agency membership required to deliver outcomes effectively • Emphasis on: • Inclusion of non-statutory partners • Targeting vulnerable/marginalised young people *Actions* • Strengthen multi-agency representation within CLD delivery group • Ensure alignment between CLD work and ICP priorities <u>Engagement & Inclusion Issues</u> Need for improved: • Engagement with Whole Family Wellbeing teams • Inclusion of minority and underrepresented groups (e.g. ethnic minority communities) • Reduction of silo working between networks *Actions* • Arrange liaison meeting between CLD and Whole Family Wellbeing teams. • Map and link community groups (e.g. minority networks) into ICP structures.	*CLD team* *CLD Chair / ICP* *CLD/WFW leads* *Partnership*
5.	**Planet Youth – Inverness Survey Results**	*Deliveried by Victoria Clark (NHS Highland)* <u>Key Presentation Highlights</u> • Programme active since 2021, now operating across 13 Highland schools • Focus: early intervention and prevention using community driven data Key Findings • Substance use: • Alcohol remains most common substance used	

		• Mental health: • 1 in 5 young people report bad or very bad mental health • Behavioural risks: • High screen time, poor sleep patterns, and emerging safeguarding concerns • Social issues: • Bullying and self-harm remain prevalent concern Strategic Insights • Strong link between: • Sleep, substance use and mental wellbeing • Need for: • Earlier intervention (primary / pre transition age) • Greater parental engagement • Community wide response *Actions* • Partners to share Planet Youth resources widely (parent hub, materials) • Support local Planet Youth Community Action Groups • Improve engagement with parents/carers (particularly hard-to-reach groups) • Explore expansion to all schools (2027 potential)	*All Partners* *All Agencies* *NHS/Partners* *Planet Youth Group*
6.	**Street Scene Initiative**	*Presented by Owen McManus* <u>Key Points</u> Street Scene programme: • Weekly Friday activity for young people • Attendance ~300 per week • Focus on reducing antisocial behaviour through engagement Positive outcomes: • Reduced antisocial behaviour locally • Strong engagement via food, activity, and informal support Challenges: • Funding sustainability • Lack of permanent venue • Engagement varies across different youth groups *Actions* • Seek funding to continue/expand Street Scene programme • Explore options for a permanent or semi-permanent safe space • Develop data collection framework to measure impact and identify need <u>Safe Spaces & Youth Provision (Wider Discussion)</u> Key Points • Identified need for: • Central safe space in Inverness • Localised provision (postcode/area-based engagement)	*Project leads* *ICP / Partners* *Police / Partners*

		• Recognition: • "One-size-fits-all" interventions are ineffective • Importance of: • Youth-led design and ownership *Actions* • Explore feasibility of multi-agency "safe space" provision • Ensure young people are directly involved in designing solutions	*Partnership group* *CLD / youth services*
7.	**Partner Updates**	• Youth outreach and anchor service collaboration opportunities identified • Hilton pilot (food + safe space + engagement): • Targeted young people via schools • Pilot to be evaluated *Actions* • Share details of all youth programmes with partnership network • Evaluate Hilton pilot and report back to ICP	*All partners* *Project leads*
8.	**Date of Next Meeting**	• Preferred date agreed: 23rd June *Action* • Issue calendar invite and confirm agenda	*JK/DH/HT*