



**ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 12 DECEMBER 2018
CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT**

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2017 to 2018, considered and approved by Angus Council on 18 October 2018.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note the content of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2017 to 2018.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The previous Chief Social Work Officer Report covered the period from 2016 to 2017.

2.2 This report is the annual evaluation report of social work services, including commissioned services from 2017 to 2018.

2.3 The Chief Social Work Officer has a statutory requirement to produce an annual report which provides an overview of social work services in Angus. The Chief Social Work Officer also has a responsibility to report directly to elected members and the Chief Executive in respect of any significant, serious or immediate risk or concern arising from the statutory responsibilities.

2.4 The report details the arrangements within Angus Council to enable the Chief Social Work Officer to fulfil the responsibilities outlined in Section 5 (1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (as amended).

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The report details some of the major successes within social work services in 2017 – 2018. It draws on a range of performance information as well as external and internal evaluation and scrutiny activities to report on:

- Summary of Performance - key challenges, developments and improvements during the year
- Partnership Working – governance and accountability arrangements
- Social Services Delivery Landscape
- Resources
- Service Quality and Performance including delivery of statutory functions
- Workforce

- Challenges for the year ahead

3.2 This year's report highlights the continuing need for strong political leadership to ensure that decisions taken in relation to the distribution of limited local resources protects essential services to the most vulnerable in Angus.

4. PROPOSAL

The Integration Joint Board notes the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2017 – 2018.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2017 to 2018