

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

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**ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT 2016 to 2018**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report for 2016 to 2018.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Angus Council Committee:

- (i) Note the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report 2016 to 2017 (appended to this report).

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN**

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- A skilled and adaptable workforce
- More opportunities for people to achieve success
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

2.2 Council priorities:

- We want to maximise inclusion and reduce inequalities
- We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens
- We want Angus Council to be efficient and effective

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The previous Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report covered the period 2014 to 2016

3.2 This report presents the work of Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) over the period 2016 to 2018, individually, collectively and in partnership with Tayside and national colleagues.

3.3 Under section 42 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 for councils to establish Adult Protection Committees and to produce Biennial reports that provide an overview of the work of local Adult Protection Committees.

3.4 The Biennial Report has been approved by AAPC and the Angus Chief Officer Group.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 The Committee has continued to work together to improve adult protection practice in Angus.

4.2 Of particular note in this period is:

- Building on the development session in 2016 a further session was held in 2017 with Committee members contributing to the development of strategic goals and a two year

Strategic Plan to take forward the work of AAPC. This was considered a positive session with enthusiasm and commitment from Committee members as to the future direction of AAPC. Priority areas for future development were identified and included within the new Strategic Plan. The session this year saw the development of overarching strategic goals for the Committee which inform the priorities and ethos of the Committee's work.

- Development and implementation of an annual Self Evaluation Plan which includes case file audits, Networks of Support events and Initial and Significant Case Reviews where required. This has improve the scrutiny and review of adult protection work and processes in Angus, supporting the continuous improvement plan.
- Network of Support Events have been a new approach within Adult Protection, using live cases to review and evaluate practice and communication. During 2016 - 17, twelve Network of Support events provided an opportunity for staff to comment on the achievements and the challenges in relation to higher level Quality Indicators and the outcomes for the adults at risk who featured in the cases that were discussed.
- During 2016 Angus Adult Protection Committee was integrated into the wider Protecting People Partnership along with the Child Protection Committee, Adult Protection Committee, Violence Against Women Partnership, Suicide Prevention Collaborative, Alcohol and Drug Partnership and MAPPA. The establishment of our local Protecting People Angus arrangements has seen the relevant Committees and Partnerships beginning to work together to address crosscutting themes and develop a shared agenda. We aim to improve access to information and support both for staff and the public, strengthen communication strategies for example publicising of shared messages and mechanisms for access to support. This will reduce duplication, improve use of resources and enhance joint working.
- A Chairs and Lead Officers of the Partnerships Group has been established, working on developing the shared agenda with shared policy, training and events, such as the Making Connections Conference that took place in March 2018. This was an extremely well attended and well evaluated event and a successful launch for Protecting People Angus.
- It has been a busy period for the Angus Adult Protection Committee. There was a change in Lead Officer in July 2017 and the recruitment of a half time Development Officer. The new Strategic Plan for AAPC is based on the overarching strategic goals that were identified at the 2017 Development Session. The plan has identified areas for future development as well as monitoring and oversight of ongoing work. This plan will also be regularly updated to include any new national or local priorities that are identified and will also be updated to include actions related to the recent Adult Protection Inspections.

## 5. PROPOSALS

Angus Council notes the content of the AAPC Biennial Report for 2016-2018

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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