

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2016**

**SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEWS – UPDATE**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents an update on the Scrutiny Panel reviews and presents the report of the first of the current year scrutiny mini-reviews for agreement.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) consider and agree the draft report of the Economic Development / Planning mini review panel;
- (ii) agree that the report be placed before the Communities Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee in April;
- (iii) agree the monitoring arrangements for the report action plan;
- (iv) note that updates on the 2014/15 and 2013/14 scrutiny review action plans will be submitted to this Committee in April.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN**

This report supports services in the delivery of all local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016.

**3. BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to Items 9 and 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee on 23 June 2015, where it was agreed that:

- for 2015-16 two scrutiny panels would be set up, one to take forward a major review of Customer Care and one to work through a suite of mini-reviews (item 9)
- progress reports on completed scrutiny reviews would be placed before the Policy and Resources Committee and the Scrutiny and Audit Committee for their consideration (item 10)

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

The mini-reviews scrutiny panel agreed that the first review should look at economic development and the links with planning. Following a Scrutiny Rapid Improvement Event in November 2015, a short-life officer working group met and developed an action plan to take forward the issues identified. The action plan has been agreed by the mini-reviews scrutiny panel and is included in the review report attached at Appendix 1. Once the report has been agreed as a final report by this committee, it will be passed to the Communities Committee and the Policy & Resources Committee for their consideration and comment. A progress update will be submitted to members after the summer recess.

The Customer Care review is in progress and a report will be submitted to this committee once the review has concluded.

Updates on the 2014/15 scrutiny reviews (Transforming Angus / Management Restructure and Improving Partnership Working) and the 2013/14 scrutiny reviews (Zero Waste and Roads Maintenance) will be reported to this committee and to Policy and Resources in April. The action plans from the reviews have been issued to officers for update.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

**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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List of Appendices:

1. Scrutiny Panel Mini Review – Economic Development and Links to Planning