

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost HELEN OSWALD, Depute Provost ALEX KING, Councillors BILL BOWLES, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, JIM HOUSTON, DAVID LUMGAIR, DAVID MAY, IAN McLAREN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, DONALD MORRISON, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, MARK SALMOND, EWAN SMITH, MARGARET THOMSON, PAUL VALENTINE and SHEENA WELSH.

PROVOST HELEN OSWALD, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bill Duff, Jeanette Gaul, Colin Brown and David Fairweather each declared an interest in item 6 as Directors of Angus Alive. All members indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor David Fairweather declared a further interest in item 6 as he had delivered a petition on this matter but had not signed the petition.

Councillors Glennis Middleton, Ronnie Proctor and Paul Valentine each declared an interest in item 6 as they had a relative in sheltered accommodation. All members indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this matter.

Councillor Ian McLaren declared an interest in item 6 as he had a relative in sheltered accommodation. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Donald Morrison declared an interest in item 6 as a Director of Voluntary Action Angus and Care About Angus. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

3. REQUESTS FOR A DEPUTATION

The Council noted that the deputation request from Ashley McGregor a Social Enterprise Worker in relation to item 6 had been withdrawn.

The Provost intimated that two further requests for a deputation had been received, one from Ms Phyllis Jolly, a resident in Letham and one from Miss Beatrice Gerrard and Mr Ted Smith, on behalf of sheltered housing residents in Arbroath and Montrose.

The Council resolved to hear both deputations.

(i) Phyllis Jolly

Miss Jolly requested that the Council withdraw the report and that a further more detailed report be prepared for consultation with all interested parties.

Following the deputation, Miss Jolly withdrew to the public benches.

(ii) Beatrice Gerrard and Ted Smith

Miss Gerrard and Mr Smith spoke in support of retaining existing sheltered housing services.

Following the deputation, Miss Gerrard and Mr Smith withdrew to the public benches.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minute of Previous Meeting

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 December 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(b) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 17 December 2015 was submitted and noted.

(c) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 5 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(d) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 7 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(e) Children and Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 12 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(f) Social Work and Health Committee

The minute of meeting of the Social Work and Health Committee of 12 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(g) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 19 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(h) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 26 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(i) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 26 January 2016 was submitted and noted.

(j) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 2 February 2016 was submitted and noted.

5. PROCUREMENT SOUNDING BOARD

The Council noted that Councillor Proctor has resigned from the Procurement Sounding Board.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Brown to fill the vacancy.

Councillor McLaren, having declared an interest at Item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following item

6. REVIEW OF HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Social Work and Health Committee of 12 January 2016 there was submitted Joint Report No 13/16 by the Strategic Director – People and the Strategic Director – Communities setting out the findings of a review of housing for older people.

The Report recommended that the Council:-

- (i) agrees the adoption of a sheltered and retirement model of housing for older people on the basis set out in section 5.1;
- (ii) notes that the current model of support by Tenancy Support Officers (TSOs) was not suitable for the Self-Directed Support (SDS) environment;
- (iii) agrees that the future model of provision in place of current arrangements be explored further in the context of a potential social enterprise option with Voluntary Action Angus, so that services could be accessed by tenants in line with new arrangements for self-directed support;
- (iv) agrees that a tailored investment in communal facilities was undertaken, based on discussions with tenants at individual schemes;
- (v) agrees an expansion of housing management and maintenance services in order to increase the focus of housing management in sheltered and retirement housing across Angus; and
- (vi) agrees that a further report be brought before members on the hardwiring of telecare in Sheltered and Retirement complexes augmenting the Council's successful programme of re-ablement and enablement.

Councillor Iain Gaul, seconded by Councillor May, moved that this Council:-

Agrees the recommendations of Report No 13/16 with the exception of recommendation (iii) and that recommendation (iii) should now read:

“A service will be maintained, either through a Social Enterprise, a Sheltered Housing Resident fully funded Council scheme, or through an ALTO (Arms Length Trading Organisation).

Officers are instructed to bring forward a working plan whereby the existing tenancy support officers are given the best possible opportunity for continuity of employment, either with Angus Council, a social enterprise company or an ALTO.

Members are to be consulted on all of the details and further reports will be brought forward to a relevant committee after consideration by a Member Officer Group, consisting of 6 members, with the Chief Executive as Convener.”

Having heard from a number of members, the Council resolved to approve the above motion.

The Council further resolved that the membership of the Member Officer Group be Councillors Iain Gaul, Morrison, Valentine, Fairweather, May and Salmond, with the Chief Executive as Chair of the Member Officer Group.

7. TRANSFORMING ANGUS PROCUREMENT REVIEW – OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

There was submitted Report No 49/16 by the Strategic Director – Resources seeking formal approval of the Outline Business Case for the Transforming Angus Procurement Review which had been agreed by the Transforming Angus Programme Board.

The Report indicated that the Angus Council Plan for 2014/17 had identified the need for a strategic review of the Council's approach to procurement as a transformation activity. A programme of work had been initiated within the Transforming Angus Programme in furtherance of that identified need, with the programme of work being called the Transforming Angus Procurement Review (TAPR). Initial work on the TAPR had produced an Outline Business Case for the programme to be invested in and taken forward. A copy of the Outline Business Case was attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the Outline Business Case for the Transforming Angus Procurement Review programme (attached as Appendix 1 to the Report); and
- (ii) to remit to the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance as senior responsible officer for the programme to ensure that it was delivered in accordance with the business case.

8. TIMETABLES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 2016 - APRIL 2017 AND MAY - JUNE 2017

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 September 2015, there was submitted Report No 50/16 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services setting out Timetables of Meetings from August 2016-June 2017 separated into two phases which included the proposed arrangements for the period covering the Local Government Elections in May 2017.

The Council agreed to approve the Timetables of Meetings covering the period August 2016-April 2017 and May-June 2017 (subject to a minor correction).

9. WELFARE REFORM UPDATE

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 June 2013, there was submitted Report No 51/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance providing members with an update on progress in implementing service changes in response to welfare reform including the latest indications for the rollout of Universal Credit in Angus. The Report also provided an update on the use of the Welfare Reform Fund created in the 2014/15 financial year.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note that the service changes agreed in Report No 391/13 were now substantially complete;
- (ii) to note that the rollout of Universal Credit in the Angus area was due to commence in April 2016;
- (iii) to note the use made so far of the Council's Welfare Reform Fund, as outlined in the Report; and
- (iv) to agree that an elected member briefing session be organised before the end of April 2016 covering Welfare Reform, Universal Credit and the actions being taken by the Council and its partners to support Angus citizens.

10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council resolved in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act paragraphs 12(a) and (b).

11. SOUTH ANGUS HOUSING MARKET AREA PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUDICIAL REVIEW

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 26 March 2015, there was submitted Report No 52/16 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services updating members with regard to the Judicial Review challenge lodged in respect of the major housing developments at Carnoustie, Monifieth and Strathmartine which had been considered by Angus Council on 18 December 2014.

The Council resolved to note the current position with regard to the Judicial Review challenge and the action currently being taken by Council officers.