

## **AGENDA ITEM NO 4**

**REPORT NO 139/16**

**SCHEDULE 1**

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

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#### **Brechin Community Campus**

##### **Background**

As part of Angus Council's commitment to refresh the community estate, work has been ongoing to develop a new Brechin Community Campus at a cost of £26.5million. This project has created a new community campus which incorporates the replacement for Brechin High School, enhanced community leisure facilities, a performance space and accommodation for adult learning and youth activities. The new development has been designed to provide modern, multi-functional and sustainable facilities, purpose designed to support a variety of service providers jointly utilising the facilities both during and out-with the school day. Those service providers include:

- Schools and Learning: delivering the secondary school curriculum (for up to 800 pupils);
- Community Learning & Development Service: delivering a range of young people/adult learning and support services;
- Angus Alive: delivering a range of leisure related sports and recreation activities;
- Angus College; delivering vocational learning courses.

The first phase of the project was to construct the new campus building for completion in early 2016. Work started on the site in July 2014.

The new facility has been developed in partnership with the East Central Territory Hubco – which has been established to cover the Tayside, Fife and Central areas, and which is used to deliver community projects of this nature.

##### **Outcome**

The new Brechin Community Campus opened for young people on Wednesday 17 February 2016. The sports and leisure facilities, which will be managed by Angus Alive, held their first open weekend on 20-21 February 2016 with the facilities fully open from Monday 22 February 2016.

In line with the partnership aspirations of the community campus, a new body, the Campus Advisory Board has been set up to oversee the leadership, management and governance of the facility. The Board includes representatives from the wider Brechin community ensuring that a community approach is promoted and developed.

The second phase of the project will see the demolition of old school buildings and external works, including the provision of new car parking and a synthetic sports pitch. The second phase of the project is due to be completed by October 2016. Work is also continuing on the new Forfar Community Campus which is due to open in February 2017.

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