

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 APRIL 2016

ANGUS COUNCIL LOCAL SCRUTINY PLAN 2016/17

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ABSTRACT

This report considers the Angus Council Local Scrutiny Plan 2016/17.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee note the scrutiny risk comments and the planned external scrutiny activity detailed in the Angus Local Scrutiny Plan 2016/17.

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

Following the publication of the Crerar Report in September 2007, the Scottish Government undertook to develop a simplified and more coherent approach to delivering local government scrutiny, a key aspect of this being to better co-ordinate and streamline scrutiny and achieve greater effectiveness.

Subsequently the Accounts Commission, as lead, together with other local government scrutiny bodies agreed to improve the planning and scheduling of scrutiny activity, by developing a single corporate assessment and implementing a shared risk assessment framework. Since 2008, all the main scrutiny bodies for local government have worked together through Local Area Networks (LANs) to share intelligence and agree the key scrutiny risks for each council. Annually, each LAN has produced an Assurance and Improvement Plan, setting out the planned scrutiny activity. The Angus Council Assurance and Improvement Plan 2014-17 was reported to this committee in August 2014 (report 359/14 refers).

A key development to the shared risk assessment process in 2015/16 was the replacement of Assurance and Improvement Plans with much shorter Local Scrutiny Plans that are more clearly focused on the specific local scrutiny risks and responses identified by the LAN.

This report presents the Angus Local Scrutiny Plan for 2016/17.

4. ANGUS COUNCIL LOCAL SCRUTINY PLAN 2016/17

The Local Scrutiny Plan 2016/17, attached at Appendix 1, sets out the planned scrutiny activity in Angus Council during 2016/17. No new scrutiny risks were identified in respect of Angus Council through the 2016 shared risk assessment process.

Scrutiny activity involving Angus Council has been confirmed as follows:

- The Care Inspectorate will undertake validated self-evaluation activity with Alcohol and Drug Partnerships. On site-activity commenced in March 2016 and a national overview report is due to be completed by the end of 2016.

- In the summer of 2016, the Care Inspectorate will lead a joint inspection of services for children and young people, which will also involve participation by Healthcare Improvement Scotland, Education Scotland and HMICS.

In addition, routine, scheduled audit and inspection work will take place through the annual audit process and the ongoing inspection of school and care establishments by Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate respectively. HMICS and HMFSI will continue to inspect local policing and local fire and rescue services across Scotland as part of their rolling work programmes. Dates for inspections of local services in Angus will be notified once they have been determined.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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

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