

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 APRIL 2016

SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEWS – UPDATE

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ABSTRACT

This report presents updates on the action plans from the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Scrutiny Panel reviews, for review and challenge.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) review and scrutinise the contents of the updated action plans
- (ii) note the revised completion dates.

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 Report 105/16 to this Committee on 8 March 2016, where members were advised that updates on the 2013/14 and 2014/15 scrutiny reviews would be reported to this Committee in April 2016.

The findings of the 2013/14 Scrutiny Reviews, Progress towards Zero Waste and Roads Maintenance, were reported to this committee on 24 June 2014, report 283/14 refers. An update on progress with the actions from these reviews was submitted to this committee on 25 August 2015, report 319/15 refers.

The findings of the 2014/15 Scrutiny Reviews, Transforming Angus / Management Restructure and Improving Partnership Working, were reported to this committee on 23 June 2015, report 257/15 refers.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 Progress Towards Zero Waste (2013/14 review)

Eight of the nine actions have been completed. Development of an overall strategy for waste management and recycling (recommendation 4) has been delayed due to the need to evaluate the implications of a major change to national policy. A more detailed update is included at Appendix 1.

4.2 Roads Maintenance (2013/14 review)

Seven of the ten actions have been completed. A review of the classification of roads (recommendation 1) has been delayed pending publication of a revised national Code of Practice; publication of the Code has been delayed until late 2016. Publicity for the work undertaken in respect of pothole repairs and road maintenance (recommendation 4) is expected to be added to the website by the end of April 2016. The review of the Roads Asset Management Plan (recommendation 5) is also expected to be complete by the end of April 2016. A more detailed update is included at Appendix 2.

4.3 Transforming Angus / Management Restructure (2014/15 review)

One of the eleven actions has been completed; three actions have not yet reached the agreed completion date.

Officers are working to develop a dashboard-style format for reporting TA progress to committee (recommendation 5/7/13), which is expected to be complete by 30 June 2016. The approach to benefits realisation (recommendation 5/7/13) is maturing and work to work to co-ordinate benefits across the whole programme is expected to be complete by 30 June 2016.

TA communication and engagement are being pro-actively addressed (recommendation 9). At present, the capacity to develop a cultural audit/review (recommendation 9) does not exist, but the need for an audit/review will be reconsidered during 2016/17.

The TA intranet site (recommendation 10) is being developed and improved to make information about TA more accessible and useful for staff and for elected members. The completion date for this action has been deferred to December 2016.

Updated information for all of the recommendations from the Transforming Angus / Management Restructure review is included at Appendix 3.

4.4 Partnership Working (2014/15 review)

All of the actions from this review have been completed. A detailed update is included at Appendix 4.

4.5 The table below summarises the position at 31 March 2016 for each of the reviews.

Scrutiny Review	No. of Actions	No. completed at August 2015	No. completed at March 2016	Due date not yet reached	Revised action or completion date
Zero Waste	9	4	8	0	1
Roads Maintenance	10	5	7	0	3
TA / Management Restructure	11	n/a	1	3	7
Partnership Working	5	n/a	5	0	0

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. Progress Towards Zero Waste – Updated Action Plan
2. Quality and Best Value in Roads Network, Maintenance and Repairs – Updated Action Plan
3. Transforming Angus / Management Restructure – Updated Action Plan
4. Improving Partnership Working – Updated Action Plan