

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2015

SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEWS - REPORTS

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the draft report of the Transforming Angus/Management Restructure and Improving Partnership Working scrutiny panels for consideration and agreement and outlines the ongoing monitoring arrangements for the review outcomes.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Consider and agree and the draft scrutiny panel review reports
- (ii) Agree the reports be placed before the Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting of 1 September 2015 with a recommendation from this Committee that the reports and recommendations be agreed and the actions remitted to the relevant Strategic Directors to implement
- (iii) Agree that the reports be referred to Angus Council for their information and interest, after consideration by the Policy & Resources Committee
- (iv) Agree the onward monitoring arrangements for the report action plans and outcomes from the perspective of this committee

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 Item 10 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 24 June 2014 where it was agreed that two scrutiny panels be set up to consider the topics of Transforming Angus/Management Restructure and Improving Partnership Working..

The scrutiny panels have completed their reviews and the draft reports of both reviews are placed before this committee for consideration, agreement and finalisation.

4. PANEL REPORTS

Full copies of the review reports are appended as follows:-

Appendix 1 - Transforming Angus/Management Restructure

Appendix 2 – Improving Partnership Working

Each of the reports have been considered agreed by the Executive Management Team in consultation with relevant officers.

The panel chairs will give a short presentation of the main findings and outcomes of the review after which questions can be asked of the panel chair and the report considered for agreement.

5. NEXT STEPS

Once the review reports have been agreed as a final report by this committee, they will be passed to the Policy and Resources Committee for their consideration and comment. This committee will recommend that the report findings and recommendations be adopted and remit delivery of the action plan and outcomes to the relevant Strategic Director. The reports will then be placed before Angus Council, for their information.

6. ONWARD MONITORING

In relation to completed scrutiny reviews, Policy and Resources, in an oversight role, will be the primary committee responsible for ensuring delivery of the outcomes of the reviews. The Scrutiny and Audit Committee will also retain an ongoing scrutiny role until satisfied that the outcomes have been met.

The roles of Policy and Resources and Scrutiny Committees are different but can be discharged on the basis of the same information. It is therefore recommended that Officer reports on progress, and any other related matters, be placed before both Committees for their respective considerations, at least on a six monthly basis.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

8. 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:

Appendix 1 - Transforming Angus/Management Restructure

Appendix 2 – Improving Partnership Working