

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

ANGUS COUNCIL - 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT PANEL REVIEW REPORTS

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ABSTRACT

The report presents the reports of the second tranche of scrutiny panel reviews for the Committee's consideration and agreement.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note that the reports have been agreed by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee
- (ii) Agree the reports, recommendations and action plans, all contained in Appendices 1 and 2
- (iii) Remit the actions to the relevant officers to implement
- (iv) Agree that the reports be referred to Angus Council for their information and interest
- (v) Note that progress reports in relation to the discharge of the action plans will be considered by both this committee and the Scrutiny and Audit 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

3.1 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.

3.2 The scrutiny panels have completed their reviews and the draft reports of both reviews were submitted to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee on 23 June 2015 for consideration, agreement and finalisation. (Report 257/15 refers.)

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 The review reports, including the agreed action plans, are appended as follows:

Appendix 1 Management Restructure and Transforming Angus
Appendix 2 Improving Partnership Working

4.2 The Scrutiny and Audit Committee agreed both reports as final and agreed that they be passed to this committee for consideration and comment. The Scrutiny and Audit Committee recommends that the report findings and recommendations be adopted and that the actions be remitted to the relevant Strategic Directors for implementation.

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 The committee is asked to agree that the reports be placed before Angus Council for their information.

- 5.2 The Policy and Resources Committee, 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.
- 5.3 The Scrutiny and Audit Committee, at its meeting on 23 June 2015, agreed 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.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:
R328/14 and R330/14 to Communities

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Management Restructure and Transforming Angus report and action plan

Appendix 2 – Improving Partnership Working report and action plan