

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 7 November 2013 at 4.00pm.

Present: Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, RONNIE PROCTOR, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM and PAUL VALENTINE.

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ewan Smith and Margaret Thomson with Councillor Craig Fotheringham substituting for Councillor Smith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 September 2013](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. PEOPLE DIRECTORATE MID-TERM SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/2014

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 November 2012, there was submitted [Report No 582/13](#) by the Strategic Director – People presenting the mid-term Service Performance Report for the People Directorate covering the first six months of the 2013/2014 financial year.

The Report indicated that as an integral part of the Council's performance management arrangements, each department was required to prepare a mid-term service performance report covering the period 1 April – 30 September for submission to their service committee in the November/December Committee cycle.

The Report was designed to give members, employees and the public (who had access to the reports via the Council's website) an update of performance within departments during the first six months of the financial year. Attached to the report was the Service Performance Report for the People Directorate for the first six months of 2012/2013.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed to note the terms of the People Directorate Mid-Term Service Performance Report 2013/2014.

5. PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL CARE AND HOUSING SUPPORT, INCLUDING HOME BASED RESPITE SERVICES

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 August 2013, there was submitted [Report No 583/13](#) by the Strategic Director – People advising members of the procurement strategy for the provision of personal care and housing support, including home based respite services and seeking approval to implement the strategy.

The Report indicated that the Social Care (Self-Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 required local authorities to be more flexible in their commissioning arrangements and the Council had committed to do so in its Policy on Self-Directed Support.

The focus of the procurement was the establishment of a multi-supplier framework agreement, which would ensure that the commissioning strategy provided a mixed economy of suppliers/providers and greater choice and flexibility. A comprehensive assessment of all aspects of the procurement strategy would be completed using the findings from the Supply Market Analysis which would be carried out, along with the feedback from the Service User

Engagement questionnaire. The results of those engagement processes would inform the procurement.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to note that, in line with procurement best practice, Supply Market Analysis would be carried out to inform the final decisions on resourcing/procurement route to be applied in the procurement;
- (iii) to note that the contract opportunity would be advertised via the Public Contracts Scotland portal; and
- (iv) to request the Strategic Director – People to report back on the proposals to award these contracts.

6. THE KEYS TO LIFE IN ANGUS

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 November 2012, there was submitted [Report No 584/13](#) by the Strategic Director – People advising members of the new national learning disability strategy launched by the Scottish Government and COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) on 13 June 2013 called “The Keys to Life”; and outlining a plan of how the recommendations contained in the strategy would be progressed in Angus.

The Report indicated that “The Keys to Life” recognised that the shape of the learning disability population was changing in a way that meant there was more demand for services at a time when there were significant challenges with public sector funding. It was therefore more essential to ensure that services were fully tailored to individual needs and enabled people to greater autonomy and independence.

The strategy set out a vision for improved partnership working to deliver better outcomes for people with learning disabilities, and their families and carers, in the area of life that was most important to them.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the proposals outlined in the Report.

VALEDICTORY

At the conclusion of the formal business, the Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Lorraine Young, Senior Manager, Community Care Services. The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Lorraine for her service to the Council and wished her well in the future. Councillors Fairweather and Fotheringham also recorded their appreciation.