

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 2.00pm.

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

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mairi Evans, Ronnie Proctor, Ewan Smith and Margaret Thomson with Councillors Bill Duff and Craig Fotheringham substituting for Councillors Evans and Thomson respectively.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Duff declared a non financial interest in Item 6 as a Council appointed Governor of Dorward House. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Valentine declared a non financial interest in Item 6 as a Council appointed Governor of Dorward House. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor May declared a non financial interest in Item 6 as a Council appointed Governor of Dorward House. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Morrison declared a non financial interest in Item 8 as a Director of Angus Care and Repair. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and that he would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

### 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 February 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH – EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members were advised that a Complaint had been lodged in terms of the Social Work (Representations Procedure) (Scotland) Direction 1996. It would not be possible for the recommendations of the Complaints Review Committee (CRC) to be considered by the Social Work and Health on 8 April 2014 as this would be outwith the prescribed timescale for dealing with the complaint. Consequently, it was agreed that delegated authority be given to the Executive Sub-Committee to consider the recommendations of the CRC, on this occasion only.

### 5. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 25 FEBRUARY 2014 TO 24 MARCH 2014

There was submitted and noted [Report No 163/14](#) by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services delivered in the People Directorate for the period 25 February 2014 to 24 March 2014.

### 6. REVIEW OF FEES AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR CARE HOMES

With reference to Article 14 of the [minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 June 2013](#), there was submitted [Report No 165/14](#) by the Head of Quality and Performance advising of the revised fees and additional service charges for care homes for 2014-15, the current non-standard care home rates and the updated free personal and nursing care rates.

The Report indicated that it was proposed that residential and nursing home charges be increased by 1%, in line with the national agreement with providers' representative for 2014-2015 and that the Scottish Government had increased the current weekly payment rates from £166 to £169 for personal care and from £75 to £77 for nursing care.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised standard fees and additional service charges for care homes;
- (ii) to note the updated free personal and nursing care rates; and
- (iii) to note the current non-standard care home rates.

## 7. LOGISTICS HUB

With reference to Article 3 of the [minute of special meeting of Angus Council of 13 February 2014](#), there was submitted [Report No 166/14](#) by the Head of Adult Services, seeking approval to undertake a new options appraisal for the Logistics Hub given that in the recent invitation to tender exercise the lowest tender received was £1,792,000, which was £512,000 more than the available capital funding.

The Report indicated that following the tender exercise, the building specification had been reviewed and possible savings of £344,000 identified, which left a shortfall of £168,000. Given the Council's current budget position it was no longer feasible to continue with the project in its existing form and the tender exercise was formally concluded and the tender cancelled.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the removal of the community laundry and community alarm control room from the Logistics Hub proposal;
- (ii) to approve the preparation of an options appraisal for the remaining services, i.e. community meals and Angus Joint Equipment Loan Services (AJELS); and
- (iii) to request that a further report be provided to the Social Work and Health Committee in August 2014 following the completion of the options appraisal.

*Councillor Morrison, having declared an interest at Item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

## 8. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH ANGUS CARE AND REPAIR

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of special meeting of Angus Council of 13 February 2014, there was submitted [Report No 164/14](#) by the Head of Quality and Performance advising of the outcome of negotiations with Angus Care and Repair relating to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for 2014-15.

The Report indicated that responsibility for managing the service level agreement had transferred from the then Infrastructure Services to Social Work and Health. During 2013/14 officers from the People Directorate had been liaising with Angus Care and Repair to prepare a revised service level agreement for 2014/15 to reflect the Council priorities and to clarify the funding arrangements.

The revised service level agreement had now been prepared for Angus Care and Repair and details of the key features were outlined in Section 4 of the Report.

Having heard from a number of members and also the Strategic Director – People, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the addition of fitting Telecare equipment to the Service Level Agreement with Angus Care and Repair;

- (ii) to note the other terms of the Service Level Agreement as outlined in Section 4 of the Report;
- (iii) to note the revised funding arrangements as outlined in Section 5 of the Report; and
- (iv) to note the estimated activity levels, as appended to the Report.