

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 2.58pm.

Present: Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, EWAN SMITH, MARGARET THOMSON and SHEENA WELSH.

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brian Boyd and Paul Valentine with Councillor Sheena Welsh substituting for Councillor Valentine.

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 22 September 2015 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 TO 28 OCTOBER 2015

There was submitted Report No 437/15 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate for the period 10 September 2015 to 28 October 2015.

The Convener and a number of members congratulated and commended all staff involved in their recent achievement as runners-up in respect of Scotland's National Dementia Awards, as referred to in Schedule 1 of the Report. Officers and staff were also commended for their involvement and hard work in the progress of the implementation of the Council's policy on Financial Harm and the formation of the Angus Financial Abuse Support Team (FAST), as referred to in Schedule 2 of the Report. In respect of Schedule 3 of the Report, athletes, coaches, staff and volunteers were also congratulated for their hard work and commitment in their achievements at the recent Special Olympic World Summer Games.

Thereafter the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Information Report for the period 10 September 2015 to 28 October 2015.

5. PEOPLE DIRECTORATE MID-TERM PERFORMANCE REPORT

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 11 August 2015, there was submitted Report No 438/15 by the Strategic Director – People presenting the Mid-Term Performance Report for the People Directorate covering the first six months of the 2015/16 financial year.

The Report indicated that as an integral part of the Council's performance management arrangements, each Directorate required to prepare a mid-term Performance Report covering the period 1 April to 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 the directorate during the first six months of the financial year.

In preparation for the Integration of Health and Social Care, two separate mid-term reports had been produced, one for Children and Young People and one for Adult Care. The performance in relation to Adult Care was satisfactory. The Directorate were continuing to prepare for the implementation of Health and Social Care Integration whilst undertaking significant reviews of services, including the Help to Live at Home Project.

The Committee agreed to note the terms of the People Directorate Mid-Term Performance Report for 2015/16.

6. CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICE

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 12 August 2014, there was submitted Report No 439/15 by the Strategic Director – People seeking approval to extend the contract designed to facilitate the discharge of older people from hospital through 'step-down' care and to prevent hospital admissions through 'step-up' care.

The Report indicated that the contract for the Independent Intermediate Care service had been in place with HC-One Limited at Cairnie Lodge, Arbroath since 1 February 2007. The service was commissioned by way of a block purchase of six beds.

The service was currently undergoing a review in the context of Health and Social Care Integration and within the Delayed Discharge planning group. The outcome of the review would determine future requirements.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that as part of Health and Social Care Integration and Delayed Discharge improvement planning, a review of the model of service provision was currently underway and that the review would determine if the Independent Intermediate Care service would be required in the longer term and if so whether a competitive tendering exercise needed to be carried out;
- (ii) to approve an exemption from the requirement to seek tenders in terms of Financial Regulations 16.24.10(g) to allow the current contract to be extended until 31 March 2016 to permit the review to be concluded; and
- (iii) that if a competitive tendering exercise was to be undertaken, the current contract could be extended until 31 March 2017 to allow time for the exercise to be completed.