

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 2.37pm.

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

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Mairi Evans with Councillor Sheena Welsh substituting.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hands declared a non-financial interest in Item 6, as a Board Member of Angus Care and Repair. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

### 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 May 2015 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 7 MAY 2015 TO 30 JULY 2015

There was submitted and noted Report No 285/15 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate for the period 7 May 2015 to 30 July 2015.

### 5. PEOPLE DIRECTORATE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 12 August 2014, there was submitted Report No 286/15 by the Strategic Director – People advising of the production of the Annual Performance Report for the People Directorate for 2014/15.

The Report indicated that as an integral part of the Council's performance management arrangements, each directorate was required to prepare an Annual Performance Report covering the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 for submission to their service committee. The Reports were designed to give members, employees and the public (who had access to the reports via the Council's website) an update of performance within directorates during the previous financial year.

The Report detailed improvement actions and performance indicators for 2014/15, which were outlined in Section 4 of the Report.

Having heard from Councillor May in relation to Self Directed Support, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that a further update report in respect of Self Directed Support would be brought to the next meeting of this Committee; and
- (ii) to note the terms of the People Directorate Annual Performance Report for 2014/15.

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

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of 8 April 2014, there was submitted Report No 287/15 by the Strategic Director – People seeking approval of the proposed Service Level Agreement with Angus Care and Repair for 2015/16.

The Report indicated that Angus Care and Repair was an organisation with charitable status based in Forfar which offered advice and assistance to people who are older or who have disabilities to improve or adapt their homes in order that they can remain living there. The services provided by Angus Care and Repair were major adaptations, major repairs, minor adaptations, provision and fitting of telecare equipment and a home safety service.

Revisions had been made to a number of the service targets for minor adaptations and that these revisions had been made based on monitoring information provided by Angus Care and Repair which detailed quantitative information in relation to each target.

For 2015/16, the People Directorate proposed to increase their element of funding to Angus Care and Repair by 1% and in relation to the Communities Directorate, funding provided to Angus Care and Repair would remain the same.

The Committee agreed to approve the Service Level Agreement with Angus Care and Repair for 2015/16.

## **7. COMMUNITY LAUNDRY SERVICE**

There was submitted Report No 288/15 by the Strategic Director – People, seeking approval to amend the eligibility criteria for access to the laundry service and to relocate the laundry from Brechin to Forfar.

The Report indicated that the Council currently provided a free community laundry service to around 100 service users. The current service criteria was overly flexible and usually removed the laundry task from the household, even where there were laundry facilities on site. It was proposed that in future, continence laundry needs would be identified through Self Directed Support (SDS) assessment and an appropriate service arranged to meet the outcome in the person's own home, wherever possible.

It was proposed that the eligibility criteria for the laundry service be amended to ensure that it reached those most in need of the service, whilst keeping costs to a minimum. The proposed new eligibility criteria was outlined within Section 5 of the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for the laundry service; and
- (ii) to approve the proposed move of the laundry from Brechin to Forfar (Beech Hill).