

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 2.36 pm.

Present: Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, DAVID MAY, SHEENA WELSH, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, EWAN SMITH, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM and PAUL VALENTINE

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, referred to the recent flooding incidents in Angus and thanked all staff, backroom staff and the emergency services who were involved in the recovery process.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Donald Morrison and Margaret Thomson with Councillors Sheena Welsh and Craig Fotheringham substituting respectively.

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 10 November 2015 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 28 OCTOBER 2015 TO 17 DECEMBER 2015

There was submitted and noted Report No 12/16 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate for the period 28 October 2015 to 17 December 2015.

5. REVIEW OF HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

There was submitted Joint Report No 13/16 by the Strategic Director – People and the Strategic Director – Communities, setting out the findings of a review of housing for older people.

The Report indicated that for some time the demographics of Angus and Scotland had been changing. People were not only healthier and living to an older age, they were also increasingly supported to live in their own homes for longer, meaning that a move to sheltered accommodation became less likely. At the same time, Angus had a higher proportion of sheltered housing provision relative to the Scottish average. Both of these factors had contributed to reduced demand for sheltered housing and a difficulty in letting properties in some areas when changes of tenancy occurred. There had also been a legislative change with the introduction of Self-Directed Support (SDS) which had intended to provide better choice and individually tailored care and support plans. The purpose of the review was to examine how existing housing provision in Angus met the current and future needs of older people.

Following the rapid improvement event, facilitated by Angus Council, extensive consultation had been carried out with the tenants of sheltered housing. A summary of the consultation findings were provided in Appendix 1 to the Report.

To address reduced demand for sheltered housing, there was a need to make housing for older people more accessible. Details of the proposed schemes were outlined in Appendix 2 to the Report.

The Report also indicated that the Council currently provided a Tenancy Support Officer (TSO) service in sheltered housing complexes. Following the introduction of SDS, older people had greater choice about how their care and support was provided, and by whom, and this also applied to Council tenants.

In reviewing the current TSO service a number of options had been considered.

It was proposed that before Angus Council reached a final model of future provision, discussions would require to take place with Voluntary Action Angus regarding the development of a social enterprise model for this area of service. The benefit of social enterprise was that costs were kept to a minimum as there was no profit and that the provision was very much community owned and driven.

Councillor Middleton, seconded by Councillor Houston, moved that the Committee:-

- (i) note that the current model of support by Tenancy Support Officers (TSOs) was not suitable for the Self-Directed Support (SDS) environment; and
- (ii) agree that the future model of provision in place of current arrangements be explored further in the context of a potential social enterprise option with Voluntary Action Angus, so that services could be accessed by tenants in line with new arrangements for self-directed support.

Councillor Fairweather moved an amendment, the terms of which were circulated.

The meeting then adjourned to allow the Convener to consult with the appropriate Officers with regard to the competency of the amendment.

The meeting reconvened, and having heard from the Convener, the Committee agreed to defer consideration of Report No 13/16 to a meeting of Angus Council.

6. CONSULTATION ON ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

There was submitted Report No 14/16 by the Chief Officer, Angus Integration Joint Board presenting the draft Strategic Plan of the Angus Integration Joint Board as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 for consultation; and to invite the Committee to provide views in respect thereof to be submitted to the Angus Integration Joint Board in response to the consultation.

The Report indicated that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 set out to provide a framework to support improvements in the delivery of health and social care services through their integration, and thereby to reduce duplication and inefficiency.

The Act provided that the integration authority for the area of the local authority must prepare strategic plans in accordance with Section 29 of the Act. Section 53 of the Act set out the process to be followed by the Angus Integration Joint Board in preparing its Strategic Plan.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Angus Integration Joint Board was required by statute to consult with the Council, along with NHS Tayside, and other parties and groups on the content of the draft Strategic Plan;
- (ii) to note the terms of the draft Strategic Plan submitted to the Council by the Integration Joint Board for consultation and attached as Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (iii) that any views on the draft Strategic Plan were to be submitted to the Angus Integration Joint Board in response to the consultation, no later than 10 February 2016.