

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 13 JANUARY 2015

TAXICARD SCHEME

1. BACKGROUND

Angus Council, at a full council meeting on 13 February 2014, agreed a budget saving of £41,000 from the Angus Council Taxicard Scheme.

(Ref <http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2014/anguscouncil/84.pdf>)

This saving was to be realised in 2014/15 and represented the whole budget for the scheme.

It was subsequently proposed to phase out the scheme over a five year period from April 2014 to March 2019. This would mean that no new taxicards were to be issued, and for those already on the scheme new taxicards would not be issued when they ran out.

This approach has reduced scheme members to 288. Only 182 of these members are active users, in that they have claimed their vouchers and use them. A further 77 members (47 of which are active users) will come off the scheme in March 2015 as a result of their membership ending. This would leave 135 active members on the scheme.

In light of the above, and the severe budget pressures which continue to be experienced in Adult Services, a decision has been made to stop the scheme entirely from 31 March 2015. This is in line with the decision taken at Council budget-setting for the financial year 2014/15.

2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION SCHEDULES

There is a committee report which contains key background information related to the savings target. This can be accessed via the link above. A copy has also been placed in the Information Hub.

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