

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2016

CONSULTATION ON ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee 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.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

- (i) note that the Angus Integration Joint Board is required by statute to consult with the Council, along with NHS Tayside, and other parties and groups on the content of its draft Strategic Plan,
- (ii) note the terms of the draft Strategic Plan submitted to the Council by the Integration Joint Board for consultation and attached hereto as Appendix 1; and
- (iii) agree any views on the draft Strategic Plan to be submitted to the Angus Integration Joint Board in response to the consultation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the Act”) 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.
- 2.2 The Act established a requirement for each local authority and its equivalent health board to agree an Integration Scheme. This was to be a partnership agreement that detailed how the Integration Authority will operate. The Integration Scheme was to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval which, when obtained, allowed for the establishment of a local Integration Authority.
- 2.3 The proposed draft Integration Scheme between the Council and NHS Tayside was approved by the Council at its meeting on 26 March 2015 (Report 136/15 refers). Thereafter the draft Integration Scheme was approved by the Scottish Ministers. On 2 September 2015 the Scottish Ministers made the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2015. This formally established in law the Angus Integration Joint Board with effect from 3 October 2015.
- 2.4 The Act provides that the integration authority for the area of a local authority must prepare strategic plans in accordance with Section 29 of the Act

A Strategic Plan is a document—

- (a) setting out the arrangements for the carrying out of the integration functions for the area of the local authority over the period of the plan,
- (b) setting out how those arrangements are intended to achieve, or contribute to achieving, the national health and wellbeing outcomes, and

- (c) including such other material as the integration authority thinks fit.

The Strategic Plan must also include provision—

- (a) dividing the area of the local authority into two or more localities, and
- (b) setting out separately arrangements for the carrying out of the integration functions in relation to each such locality.

2.5 Section 33 of the Act sets out the process to be followed by the Angus Integration Joint Board in preparing its Strategic Plan. As part of the process, the Integration Joint Board must

- (a) send a copy to—
 - (i) NHS Tayside, Angus Council and persons who the Integration Joint Board considers to be representative of each of groups specified by Order of the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (ii) such other persons as it considers appropriate, and
- (b) invite the recipients to express views (within such period as the Integration Joint Board considers appropriate) on the draft; and

2.6 In finalising the Strategic Plan, the Angus Integration Joint Board must take account of any views expressed by virtue the process referred to at 2.5 above.

3. REPORT

3.1 The Angus Integration Joint Board has submitted to the Council a draft Strategic Plan and invited the Council to express views on the draft. The draft Strategic Plan is attached hereto as Appendix 1.

3.2 Committee is invited to consider the terms of the draft Strategic Plan and agree any views on the draft Strategic Plan to be submitted to the Angus Integration Joint Board in response to the consultation.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the terms of this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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