

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 8 APRIL 2014

LOGISTICS HUB

REPORT BY HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks Committee approval to undertake a new options appraisal for the Logistics Hub given that in the recent invitation to tender exercise the lowest tender received was £1,792,000, which was £512,000 more than the available capital funding.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:

- (i) approves the removal of the community laundry and community alarm control room from the Logistics Hub proposal.
- (ii) approves the preparation of an options appraisal for the remaining services, i.e. community meals and Angus Joint Equipment Loan Service (AJELS).
- (iii) requests that a further report be provided to the Social Work and Health Committee in August 2014 following the completion of the options appraisal.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- The health of the Angus population is improved;
- A good quality of life is enjoyed by all in Angus;
- Carers are supported to undertake their caring role

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Reference is made to Committee Report 261/13 Logistics Hub - Procurement Authority Approval Request, which granted authority for the proposed procurement of the Logistics Hub, and Report 85/14 Provisional Capital Budgets Volume which contains the capital approval for this project.

3.2 The Logistics Hub would have accommodated the following services within a new build facility: Angus Joint Equipment Loan Scheme (AJELS) Store, Community Laundry, Community Meals and Community Alarm Control,

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The Capital Budget Sub-Group at its meeting of 14 August 2012 approved the provision of a Logistics Hub which would bring together, from their existing locations, the following services: Angus Joint Equipment Loan Scheme (AJELS) Store, Community Laundry, Community Alarm Control Room and Community Meals. The approved option was for a new build facility located

on a site currently owned by Angus Council adjacent to the Print and Design unit at the Orchardbank Campus, Forfar.

- 4.2 Following a tender exercise, the lowest tender received was £1,792,000, which was £512,000 more than the available capital funding. As a result, the building specification was reviewed and possible savings of £344,000 were identified. This still left a shortfall of £168,000. Given the Council's current budget position, it is no longer feasible to continue with the project in its existing form. The tender exercise was therefore formally concluded and the tender cancelled.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that we review the Logistics Hub, undertaking a new options appraisal and remove the Community Laundry and Community Alarm Control Room from the proposal.

- 5.2 Alternatives that need to be considered will include:

5.3 **Community Laundry**

As agreed in Report 84/14 2014/15 Provisional Revenue Budget the operation of the Community Laundry is subject to review. This service will no longer be part of the proposed Hub.

5.4 **Community Alarm Control Room**

This service can remain in its current location at Fairlie House, Kirriemuir. Increased requirements relating to future demand can be considered as part of the Council's accommodation strategy or linked to planning for integration with Health and/or the Council's ACCESS Line function.

5.5 **Community Meals**

A revised delivery model for this service was recently approved by Angus Council, so it is assumed that this service will continue to be provided for at least five years (the period of the new meals vehicles contract). It is therefore necessary to find appropriate accommodation to provide a single meals depot for Angus

- 5.6 Options to be explored include:

- Use of an existing Council/NHS building
- Include the facility as part of smaller new build along with AJELS store
- Lease appropriate premises

5.7 **Angus Joint Equipment Loan Service (AJELS)**

Given the policy priority of prevention, early intervention and maintaining people in their own homes, a modern, fit for purpose equipment store is essential for the delivery of community care services. With the development of integrated services, it is highly desirable that this facility meets the needs of both health and social care services (i.e. it should continue to operate on an integrated basis.)

- 5.8 Options to be explored include:

- Share premises with Dundee/NHST at Claverhouse, Dundee
- Provide a dedicated facility in Angus, possibly including the Community Meals Service, possibly a new build (reducing the current footprint of the planned Logistics Hub) within existing capital allocation.
- Re-use/refurbish an existing Council property
- Engage with NHS Health colleagues around the potential for the use of existing resources under the Body Corporate model of integration

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications attached to preparing the options appraisal, but the phasing in the Financial Plan would need to be amended.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Property Implications

There are no property implications at this time, although some can be anticipated in future depending on the outcome of the options appraisal

7.2 Risks

At present the community meals are being provided from a permanent base at Fairlie House, Kirriemuir, and from a temporary base at Lunan Park, Friockheim. The temporary base is in a property that is earmarked for closure and is not fit for purpose in the medium to longer term. The store is based in Little Cairnie Hospital, Arbroath and makes use of an unused hospital ward to store equipment, which is unsuitable. This accommodation is also not fit for purpose in the medium to longer term. There is a risk to the continued delivery of these important services if suitable alternative premises are not identified.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- 261/13 Logistics Hub – Orchardbank, Forfar - Procurement Authority Approval Request
- 85/14 Provisional Capital Budgets Volume

REPORT AUTHOR: George Meechan

EMAIL DETAILS: (PEOPLE@angus.gov.uk)

[Equality Impact Assessment](#)

List of Appendices: None