

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 2.30pm.

Present: Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, IAIN GAUL, MAIRI EVANS, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, DAVID MAY, SHEENA WELSH, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, EWAN SMITH, MARGARET THOMSON and PAUL VALENTINE.

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the formal business on behalf of the Committee, the Convener extended condolences to Margo Williamson, Strategic Director – People following a recent family bereavement.

The Convener also welcomed Vicky Irons, the newly appointed Chief Officer for Health and Social Care Integration and Gail Smith, Interim Lead Officer, Angus CHP to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Colin Brown, Lynne Devine, David Fairweather and Donald Morrison with Councillors Iain Gaul, Craig Fotheringham and Sheena Welsh substituting for Councillors Devine, Fairweather and Morrison respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors May and Valentine declared non financial interests in item 6 as they were Council appointed Governors of Dorward House, Montrose. They indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 April 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Executive Sub-Committee

The minute of the Executive Sub-Committee of 5 May 2015, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I**).

4. SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH – EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members were advised that a Complaint had been lodged in terms of the Social Work (Representations Procedure) (Scotland) Directions 1996. It would not be possible for the recommendations of the Complaints Review Committee (CRC) to be considered by the Social Work and Health Committee on 19 May 2015.

The Committee agreed that delegated authority be given to the Executive Sub-Committee to consider the recommendations of the CRC, on this occasion only.

5. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 26 MARCH 2015 TO 7 MAY 2015

There was submitted and noted Report No 205/15 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate for the period 26 March 2015 to 7 May 2015.

6. REVIEW OF FEES AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR CARE HOMES

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 April 2014, there was submitted Report No 206/15 by the Strategic Director – People advising of the revised fees and additional service charges for care homes for 2015-16 and the up-rated free personal and nursing care rates.

The Report indicated that it was proposed that residential and nursing home charges be increased by 3.8%, in line with the national agreement with providers' representatives for 2015-16 and would be payable from 6 April 2015. The rates for Angus Council's own care homes had been increased by 1% to reflect the projected increase in the Council's costs over the year. The Scottish Government had increased the current weekly payment rates from £169.00 to £171.00 for personal care and from £77.00 to £78.00 for nursing care from 1 April 2015.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised standard fees and additional service charges for care homes; and
- (ii) to note the up-rated free personal and nursing care rates.