

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 19 May 2015

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ANGUS JOINT EQUIPMENT LOAN SCHEME STORE (AJELS)

1. BACKGROUND

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; Report 85/14 Provisional Capital Budgets Volume which contained the capital approval for this project; and Report 166/14 Logistics Hub, which gave approval for an options appraisal for the location of the AJELS store whilst removing the Community Laundry and the Community Alarm Control Room from the joint approach of the Logistics Hub.

On 11 November 2014 Social Work and Health Committee approved the proposal that further work on the emerging option for the Carseview colocation of Community Meals and Criminal Justice Services be carried out. Committee requested that a further report be provided to the Social Work and Health Committee in February 2015 to consider progress on work undertaken on the options available to accommodate the Angus Joint Equipment Loan Scheme (AJELS), and for a progress report on the Carseview option for Community Meals/Criminal Justice Services.

A progress report was provided to Social Work and Health Committee on 24 February 2015 on the rehousing of the AJELS store (our joint OT equipment store). The report stated that a full report would be prepared for Committee in May 2015. Progress on the future options available for the AJELS store has unfortunately been slow and it is not possible to provide a full options appraisal at this time.

Effectively, there are three options for accommodating AJELS in the future which are being explored currently. These are as follows:

1. Share premises with Dundee/NHST at Claverhouse, Dundee. This option continues to be developed, a specification document has been produced and costs are currently being looked at by Dundee City Council.
2. A new build facility or a new build plus lease. This would have significant tendering implications which, in terms of timescales, would reduce the feasibility of this option.
3. A building in the grounds of Arbroath Academy has been identified as a possible option and this is being assessed.

Work will continue on these possible options with a full report to Social Work and Health Committee in August 2015.

While we fully understand the urgency to find an alternative to Little Cairnie Hospital for AJELS, it is important that any alternative is fit for purpose and will serve our needs into the future.

Work is recommencing on the Carseview development for accommodation for Community Meals and Criminal Justice Services following a period when the work was effectively halted because of information received that the site had been sold. This turns out not to be the case and officers are in further negotiations about the purchase of Carseview.

2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION - SCHEDULES

There are Committee Reports which contain key background information related to the Logistic Hub. These can be accessed via the links below. Copies have also been placed in the Information Hub.

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2013/CorporateServices/261.pdf>

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2014/anguscouncil/85.pdf>

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2014/socialworkhealth/166.pdf>

http://www.angus.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/234/agenda_item_6_-_45414_logistics_hub

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