

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2015**

**SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS FOR 2014/15**

**REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND PLACE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks committee approval of the proposed service level agreement with Voluntary Action Angus.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Communities Committee approves the service level agreement for the amount of £73,577 to Voluntary Action Angus for the financial year 2014/15.

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

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

- 1 We have a sustainable economy with good employment opportunities.
- 8 We have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced.
- 9 Individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Voluntary Action Angus was formed in 2012 by the merger of Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations (AAVO) and Volunteer Centre Angus (VCA). Voluntary Action Angus was formed in response to the Scottish Government's requirement for key local third sector interfaces in each local authority area. Funding for Voluntary Action Angus from Social Work and Health was approved by Social Work and Health Committee. (Social Work and Health Committee Report 534/12 refers. For 2013/14 a joint SLA for Social Work and Health and Education was entered into with VAA as both departments were providing funding to VAA. For 2014/15 it is proposed that a joint SLA for People and Communities Directorates be entered into with VAA.

3.2 The service level agreement with Voluntary Action Angus facilitates the provision of the following service elements across People and Communities Directorates:

- Recruiting and training volunteers for opportunities within Angus Council
- Enhancement and support work in the third sector
- Kirriemuir and Forfar Friday Night Projects
- Volunteering services for children and young people

3.3 It should be noted that the services provided under the service level agreement are subject to the monitoring arrangements as set out in the corporate standard for service level agreements. In addition the service level agreement requires quarterly reporting on the level

and quality of the services provided and the reports are actively monitored by staff within People and Communities Directorates.

#### 4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 For 2014/15 it is proposed to increase the funding provided by People Directorate to Voluntary Action Angus by 1%. This corresponds with the 2014/15 inflationary uplift to providers which was noted and agreed by Social Work and Health Committee at its meeting on 25 February 2014 (Report No 102/14 refers).

4.2 In relation to the Communities' Directorate funding provided to Voluntary Action Angus, the Volunteering Services for Children and Young People will remain the same as 2013/14. It is proposed to increase the funding for the Friday Night Project by £8,700 resulting from:

- The Forfar Friday Night project will be run as a partnership with VAA managing the funding and the Forfar area Partnership leading the project. The allocation against this is £8000.
- a small increase in the allocation for the Kirriemuir Friday Night project, in line with a previously agreed funding schedule for Friday night projects.

The funding for Friday night projects in Angus is met from an allocation to the Council from Police and Fire Reserves, as per Strategic Policy Committee Report 706/12.

4.3 The breakdowns of funding for 2013/14 and 2014/15 are shown in the following Tables

Service	Amount 2013/14	Amount 2014/15	Funding Directorate
Recruit and train volunteers for opportunities within Angus Council	£12,486	£12,612	People
Enhance and support work in the third sector	£7,391	£7,465	People
Kirriemuir and Forfar Friday Night Projects	£12,800	£21,500	Communities
Volunteering services for children and young people	£32,000	£32,000	Communities
	<b>Total £64,677</b>	<b>Total £73,577</b>	

#### 5. PROPOSAL

5.1 It is proposed to issue a service level agreement to Voluntary Action Angus for the amount of £73,577 for 2014/15.

#### 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total value of the service level agreement is £73,577. The service level agreement will be funded as follows:

Source	Amount
People Directorate	£20,077
Communities Directorate	£53,500
Total	£73,577

Provision for these amounts has been made in the relevant revenue budgets.

**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:

- Social Work and Health Committee Report No 534/12
- Social Work and Health Committee Report No 102/14
- Strategic Policy Committee Report No 706/12

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