

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 23 September 2014 at 2.20pm.

**Present:** Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, SHEENA WELSH, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, EWAN SMITH, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM and PAUL VALENTINE.

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mairi Evans and Margaret Thomson with Councillors Sheena Welsh and Craig Fotheringham substituting respectively.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

### 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 12 August 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION UPDATE

There was submitted [Report No 397/14](#) by the Strategic Director – People providing an overview of the requirements relating to Health and Social Care Integration.

The Report indicated that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 had received Royal Assent. The stated purpose of the Act was to provide a framework to support improvement in the delivery of health and social care services through their integration and thereby to reduce duplication and inefficiency.

The Scottish Government had set out nine new national health and wellbeing outcomes which they anticipated would be promoted by Health and Social Care Integration and a copy of the prescribed outcomes were outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Act established a requirement for each local authority and its equivalent health board to agree an Integration Scheme. This would be a partnership agreement that detailed how the Integration Authority would operate. The relevant partners were Angus Council and NHS Tayside and when established the Integration Authority for Angus must set out its Strategic Plan and determine the exact date of implementation for the new joint arrangements prior to April 2016. Details of the Scottish Government's implementation timetable were outlined in Section 3 of the Report.

In law, the Integration Joint Board would have a distinct legal personality and the consequent autonomy to manage itself. There would be no capacity for the Council to independently sanction or veto decisions made by the Integration Joint Board. NHS Tayside and the Council were jointly accountable for the actions of the Integration Joint Board and the Council's obligations would not be transferred to the Board post-integration but delegated to them. The Council would remain fully liable for the delivery of its statutory duties. There was a risk that the Council would find itself in the position of accountability for service delivery and outcomes without direct control over how it delivered its services.

NHS Tayside was a much larger organisation than the social work element of the Council. It was important that the relationship between the Council and NHS Tayside was one of equal partnership, but the difference in relative size presented a risk that integration turned into the assimilation of Council services by NHS Tayside. This could lead to the dilution of the Council's key priorities, objectives and deliverables.

Work was underway to address the risks detailed in Section 4.2 of the Report to ensure that democratic accountability and adequate strategic and operational control were retained by the Council.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to note that update Reports would be presented as key decisions were required.

## **5. GREAT BRITAIN SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES**

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee of 24 February 2011, there was submitted [Joint Report No 398/14](#) by the Head of Adult Services and Interim Head of Services to Communities, advising as to the Special Olympics World Summer Games taking place in Los Angeles, California, USA from 20 July to 3 August 2015, and the inclusion of Angus athletes and Council staff in the Great Britain Team.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to approve the participation of service users and staff from the People Directorate who had been selected; and
- (ii) to approve the granting of paid leave of absence from work due to the games to two members of the People Directorate.