

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 3.09pm.

**Present:** Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, MAIRI EVANS, 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**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Margaret Thomson with Councillor Craig Fotheringham substituting.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Middleton declared an interest in Item 6 as a Board member of Tayside Community Justice Authority and also Item 7 as a member of the Forfar Day Care Committee. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Devine declared an interest in Item 7 as a member of the Forfar Day Care Committee. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Evans declared an interest in Item 7 as a Board member of Brechin Day Care. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor May declared an interest in Item 7 as a Director of Montrose Day Care. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Morrison declared an interest in Item 8 as a Director of Hospitalfield Organic Produce Enterprise (HOPE). He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting.

### 3. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 January 2015 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 DECEMBER 2014 – 12 FEBRUARY 2015**

There was submitted and noted Report No 92/15 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate for the period 18 December 2014 to 12 February 2015.

### 5. **ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT 2013/14**

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 February 2014, there was submitted Joint Report No 79/15 by the Strategic Director – People and the Chief Social Work Officer presenting the Annual Evaluation Report for the People Directorate covering the period 2013–2014.

The Report provided details of some of the major successes within the Directorate in 2013-2014, drawing on a range of performance information and service level self-evaluation activities.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed to note and endorse the contents of the Annual Evaluation Report for 2013-2014, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

## **6. CHANGES WITHIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN ANGUS**

There was submitted Report No 94/15 by the Strategic Director – People advising members that the Tayside Community Justice Authority (TCJA) would be dissolved in April 2017 and that the responsibility for the delivery of social work Criminal Justice Services (CJS) would revert fully to Angus Council.

The Report provided an overview of current Criminal Justice Services' (CJS) business activity as part of a process of orientation and preparation for the change and outlined a number of developments within Criminal Justice Services in response to national and local drivers for change.

Having heard from the Convener and the Head of Adult Services, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to take cognizance of the scheduled resumption of planning responsibilities for Criminal Justice Service by the Angus Council Community Planning Partnership;
- (ii) to approve the continuation of the Glen Isla project for a further two year period, with a view to mainstreaming the project and also to continue to pursue funding options from other sources;
- (iii) to gain assurance regarding the management of high risk offenders in Angus from the contents of the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report, as appended, and the ongoing development in relation to high risk offenders;
- (iv) to note the contents of the Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Report, as appended;
- (v) to note the initial findings of the review of Angus Criminal Justice Services; and
- (vi) to commend the staff involved in the Criminal Justice Services in Angus for their hard work and commitment.

## **7. DAY CARE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE – CHANGES TO FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted Report No 95/15 by the Strategic Director – People advising members that Self-directed Support (SDS) had changed how local authorities delivered services and how service users arranged and paid for services; and proposing that the Council move to a combined “block and spot” funding arrangement to support day-care providers and to maintain continuity of service.

The Report indicated that the Scottish Government had published a ten year strategy for Self-directed Support (SDS) in 2010. This became legislation in 2014 and was in the process of being implemented throughout Scotland.

Self-directed Support would affect the way Angus Council organised and commissioned services from providers and through implementation of Self-directed Support, services should be available to be purchased through individual's personal budgets on a “spot purchase” basis, and for most care at home services, this was an effective arrangement.

Following a review of day care service provision, designed to take into account the impact of Self-directed Support and the necessary reshaping of the funding of services so that they remained affordable and sustainable, it was recognised that to move to an all “spot purchase” arrangement presented problems of predictability of demand on which centre-based services were reliant and consequently could present a viability risk to day centres who were currently paid by “block funding”.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal to change the funding arrangements for a voluntary day-care provider to “block” and “spot” funding as identified in the Report, in order to support the transition to Self-directed Support (SDS); and

- (ii) to approve the proposal to review and adjust the “block” and “spot” funding arrangement for voluntary day care providers annually.

*Councillor Morrison, having declared an interest in the following item, left the meeting.*

**8. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF ADULT AND GENERAL SERVICES 2015/2016**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 February 2014, there was submitted Report No 96/15 by the Strategic Director – People, seeking approval of the proposed service level agreements with the voluntary sector for services other than children’s services.

The Report indicated that entering into the service level agreements on a partnership basis with the voluntary sector helped to ensure the provision of a range of essential social work and health services in Angus. This type of partnership working brought with it a range of benefits including a sharing of skills and expertise and the capacity to attract additional funding to Angus. Partnership working and the use of service level agreements was an essential aspect of the People Directorate’s delivery of best value services to the most vulnerable individuals and families in Angus.

The Committee agreed to approve the People Directorate’s service level agreements for adult and general services for 2015/16.