

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 2.19pm.

Present: Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, SHEENA WELSH, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARTYN GEDDES, HELEN OSWALD, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, RONNIE PROCTOR, EWAN SMITH, MARGARET THOMSON and PAUL VALENTINE.

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the business, the Convener welcomed George Bowie to the meeting following his appointment as Head of Adult Services, People Directorate.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mairi Evans and Sheila Hands with Councillors Sheena Welsh and Helen Oswald substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Middleton and Devine declared an interest in Item 5 as members of the Forfar Day Care Committee and Councillor Devine as a Board member of the Citizens Advice Bureau. Both indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor May declared an interest in Item 5 as a Director of Montrose Day Care Centre. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 January 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT 2012-13

There was submitted [Joint Report No 101/14](#) by the Strategic Director – People and the Chief Social Work Officer presenting the annual evaluation report for the People Directorate covering the period 2012 – 2013.

The Report indicated that this was the first annual evaluation report of the People Directorate and complemented the information contained in the 2012-2013 annual People Directorate Performance Report presented to the Education and Social Work and Health Committees in August 2013.

The Report provided details of some of the major successes within the Directorate in 2012-13, drawing on a range of performance information and school and service level self evaluation activities.

Having heard from a number of members who welcomed the excellent annual evaluation report, the Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note and endorse the contents of the annual evaluation report for 2012-2013, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report; and
- (ii) to commend the Strategic Director – People, the Chief Social Work Officer and their staff on their achievements during 2012-2013.

5. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER THIRD PARTY PROVIDERS 2014/2015

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 April 2013, there was submitted [Report No 102/14](#) by the Head of Quality and Performance, seeking approval of the proposed service level agreements with the voluntary sector and agreements with other third party providers for Social Work services in 2014/15.

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 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:-

- (i) to approve the social work service level agreements (SLA) and day care proposals for 2014/15; and
- (ii) to note the ongoing commitment by the People Directorate to partnership working with voluntary sector service providers.