

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 15 AUGUST 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 co-location 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 19 May 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 August 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.

AJELS/Meals Service

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

1. Join 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.

It is envisaged that this option could be implemented by the end of 2015 with a capital spend in the region of £50,000, plus a provision for vehicle replacement.

The Community Meals Service would continue to be provided from two depots. The Fairlie House depot would remain at Kirriemuir, while the Lunan Park depot would move from Friockheim to the rear of Bruce House in Arbroath. This move would have a feasibility cost of £122,000.

2. A new build facility on land owned by Angus Council behind the Print and Design Unit at the Orchardbank Campus, Forfar.

This option could accommodate the AJELS Store and the Community Meals Service within one building with an internal floor area of 680m². The feasibility cost of this option is £1,300,000 which comes within the £1,400,000 available capital funding (£1,200,000 capital from Angus Council and a further £200,000 from the Health and Social Care Integration Fund).

This option would have significant tendering and building implications with a likely completion date to the end of September 2016.

A third option of utilising a building in the grounds of Arbroath Academy has now been discounted.

Criminal Justice Service (CJS)

Elements of the Criminal Justice Service remain at Carseview Road in Forfar. It has been established that this building has been sold however we continue to lease the building pending discussions on its future with the new owners.

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

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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