

ANGUS COUNCIL

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2017
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2017**

PROVISION OF INTERIM RESPITE CARE FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

**JOINT REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES AND
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ABSTRACT

This report updates the Policy and Resources Committee of the progress made in finalising interim solutions for the provision of respite care for adults with learning disabilities and in identifying suitable properties at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie and Finavon Court, Forfar from where interim services may be provided. It seeks approval from the Policy and Resources Committee to enter into contracts to provide care services at both properties and from the Communities Committee to enter into a licence agreement for the property at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie to enable care services to be provided there.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- (i) the Policy and Resources Committee approves contracts being entered into with Tus Nua Care Services and HC One Ltd for the provision of the interim respite care solutions; and
- (ii) the Communities Committee approves the Head of Technical and Property Service to negotiate appropriate terms for a licence agreement to enable the property at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie to be used for the provision of an interim respite care service for adults with learning disabilities, subject to (i) above.

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

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

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

3. BACKGROUND

An Information Report was tabled at the Policy and Resources Committee on 14 March 2017 (Report No 116/17 and Schedule 1) to advise of the need for an interim respite provision to be found to allow the service to continue while the Council undertakes a competitive tender.

4. CURRENT POSITION

Negotiations took place with Tus Nua Care Services who had a 4 bedded property at 23 Holyrood Street in Carnoustie (Option 1 in Schedule 1 of Information Report 116/17). The provider was in the process of refurbishing and adapting the property for adults with learning disabilities with the intention of offering individuals a permanent accommodation placement. However, following discussions with officers from Angus Health & Social Care Partnership, the provider agreed to provide respite care for the interim period (1 May 2017 to 31 July 2018 with the option to extend for up to a further year).

It was also noted in the previous Information Report that the provision at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie would not meet the needs of all service users who access respite. An Exemption Request was approved by the Strategic Director (People) to allow Angus Council to begin negotiations with HC One Ltd to commission one bed, on a block purchase basis, to provide respite care for people whose needs cannot be met at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie at Finavon Court, Forfar for up to a year. These negotiations have concluded.

5. PROPOSALS

In order to separate costs for the accommodation from cost of care services and to comply with registration requirements of the Care Inspectorate it is proposed to enter into a licence agreement with the owner of the property at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie to allow respite care service to be provided there. There is no requirement for the costs to be separated for Finavon Court, Forfar as that meets the Care Inspectorate's registration requirements. It is also proposed to enter into contracts with Tus Nua Care Services and HC One Ltd to provide interim respite care services for adults with learning disabilities at the respective properties. This should meet the vast majority of needs of service users.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The monthly cost for the accommodation at 23 Holyrood Street, Carnoustie would be £3,889.80 per month (£46,675 per annum). The total cost of commissioning an interim respite solution, to include both care and accommodation costs, will be contained within the existing budget and is the subject of a service agreement.

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