### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

### POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2018

### INFORMATION REPORT: CHANGE PROGRAMME UPDATE

# REPORT BY HEAD OF STRATEGIC POLICY, TRANSFORMATION & PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

### **ABSTRACT**

This report provides a progress update in relation to the Council's Change Programme, albeit that a decision is not required in terms of the current Scheme of Delegation to Officers and the Order of Reference of Committees.

# 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Reference is made to Report 412/17, considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 28 November 2017, which provided the previous quarterly update in relation to the Council's Change Programme.
- 1.2 Reference is also made to the Change Programme Report (Report 59/18 refers), considered by Angus Council at its budget setting meeting on 15 February 2018, which provided detail in relation to the Change Programme for budget setting purposes.

### 2. PROGRESS OVERVIEW

- 2.1 As stated in Report 59/18, significant progress has been made in developing the Change Programme, with the estimated savings value over the next three financial years now totalling £27.66m. The full scope of the Change Programme is included in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 All the projects started-up during 2017, to deliver change/ savings in Financial Year 2018/19, are now well developed and contribute to achieving the balanced budget for 2018/19. For example:
  - (i) Economy: Business Support programme: the Clerical & Admin review is progressing well, the first phase of the Process Redesign Process Automation (PRPA) processes are being addressed, the One Contact Centre system has been identified/ procured, and the Revenues & Benefits Function Re-Design is moving into the implementation phase. A Rapid Improvement Event (RIE) was held for managers on 12 December 2017 to help shape the development of the future operating model.
  - (ii) People: Workforce Change Managers review: the new structure has been agreed, the staff identified for ER/VR is complete, matching staff to same/ similar posts has been completed, and the recruitment & selection process for new posts is making good progress towards completion by end March 2018.
    - Through the development of this project and refinement of related projects, the revised estimate of reduction in staff numbers has reduced to around 600 (from 800). An exercise to fully determine the extent of vacant posts (with revenue budget) has also been concluded to ensure that budget planning and service expenditure is managed as effectively as possible.
    - The Organisational Design review has also recently commenced and a Rapid Improvement Event (RIE) is being organised for the Council Management Team to agree the desired outcomes and key parameters for the review.
  - (iii) Place: Agile Working/ Estates review: the back office element of the project at Angus House and Bruce House was completed during December and the locality hub designs are now in development.
  - (iv) Business: Recharging for Buildings, Administration (Facilities Management) review: a Rapid Improvement Event (RIE) was held at the end of October to clarify the strategic direction for this project and implementation of new arrangements will be from 1 April 2018.

- 2.3 In addition, excellent progress is being made with our digital transformation programme, which has supported online payments for garden waste uplift and school transactions. Significant efforts are also being made to accelerate this programme in all service areas.
- 2.4 The priorities from the ideas that were generated by staff at the opportunity workshops in January 2017, have now been added into the Change Programme. These include, for example:
  - (i) Economy: Social Enterprise Development, and Commercialisation: Increase Income Streams.
  - (ii) People: Workforce Change Terms & Conditions review, and Travel Policy for Staff, including use of Electric vehicles.
  - (iii) Place: Library Estate/ Service: review of current delivery arrangements, and Increase Recycling.
  - (iv) Business: Improve our Data management to inform Service Design, and Zero Based Budgeting.
- 2.5 Progress has also been made with linking outcomes into the Change Programme. Examples of potential future change initiatives, with their associated investment and growth requirements (where known), have been added to the overall list of projects. These include, for example:
  - (i) Economy: Digital Infrastructure in Angus (e.g. including Broadband roll-out), specific City Deal initiatives, and Supporting and Empowering Communities (e.g. Community Asset Transfer, Pride in Place).
  - (ii) People: Developing our Young Workforce, Digital Skills Development, and Workforce Development.
  - (iii) Place: Develop a Strategic Partnership Vision for Arbroath (as a Locality Area example) for Commercial, Cultural and Community Regeneration, Grow a 'Green' Community, and Develop Community Capacity and an Angus Deal with Communities.
- 2.6 The addition of these future investment ambitions to the Change Programme demonstrates our strategic intent (also linked to public sector reform), to progress transformation, improvement and performance in Angus, while delivering against the policy priorities as set out in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, four Locality Plans and Council Plan.

## 3. BENEFITS MANAGEMENT

3.1 The full summary of Change Programme benefits is detailed in Appendix 1. The movement in comparison to the previous quarterly update reported to the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 28 November, 2017 (Report 412/17 refers), is summarised as follows:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	3 Year Total
Report 412/17	£9,082,000	£3,625,000	£3,119,000	£15,826,000
Current Position*	£10,297,000	£9,781,326	£7,581,574	£27,659,900
Variance	+£1,215,000	+£6,156,326	+£4,462,574	+£11,833,900

<sup>\*</sup>This is the position that was presented in Report 59/18 for setting the 2018/19 general revenue budget

- 3.2 The key reasons for the variances since Report 412/17 include:
  - Inclusion of target savings for a number of projects that were previously 'To Be Confirmed';
  - Addition of a number of new projects with target savings;
  - Updated savings for AHSCP, including projections for 2019/20 and 2020/21;
  - Updated savings for Angus Alive, including projections for 2019/20 and 2020/21;
  - Increased and accelerated savings for Workforce Change Managers Review and Organisational Design;
  - Increased savings overall for Workforce Change Teachers review;
  - Increased savings for School Office Review (including online school payments); and
  - Increased and accelerated savings in relation to Peer Reviews of Budgets.
- 3.3 It should be noted that, for general revenue budget calculation purposes, the Change Programme saving of £10,297,000 for 2018/19 was reduced to £6,747,000. This was in order to account for savings already reflected in the net expenditure summary.

3.4 A separate section has been created under the Business section in Appendix 1 to identify the various 'one-off' income generation receipts that have been identified. This currently totals £1.25m for Financial Year 2018/19 and was also accounted for as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process.

### 4. CHANGE FUND UPDATE

4.1 The updated position with the Change Fund budget is as follows:

Change Fund Summary	£m
General Fund Reserves	1.393
2014/15 Budget Allocation	0.921
2015/16 Budget Allocation	0.939
2016/17 Budget Allocation	0.954
2017/18 Budget Allocation	0.000
2018/19 Budget Allocation	0.200
Less Expenditure: Total Change Fund	4.407
2014/15 (Actual)	0.426
2015/16 (Actual)	0.693
2016/17 (Actual)	0.851
2017/18 (Projected)	0.757
2018/19 (Projected)	0.327
Recent Commitments (to be profiled into 2018/19 and future	0.676
years)	
Change Fund Balance	0.677

- 4.2 The change fund balance reported to the Policy and Resources Committee in Report 412/17 identified a surplus in the fund of £0.605m. This has increased to £0.677m and the key reasons for the variance are as follows:
  - HR bid of £67,858 agreed by CMT on 14 November;
  - Bid of £60,000 to support provision of new Contact Centre agreed by EMT Scrutiny Board on 27 November 2017; and
  - New budget provision of £200,000 agreed as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process to support future investment in change.

## 5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 The next steps planned to build upon the positive momentum and growing confidence around the Change Programme includes:
  - Increase the pace of projects currently in progress;
  - Develop the scope of new projects that have been identified and implement the start-up process;
  - Continue to increase the scale of change, along with the certainty to secure/ deliver financial sustainability;
  - Confirm savings for 2018/19 against current year core budget provision by the end of March 2018:
  - Progress collaboration in the ten identified areas with Tayside partners seeking further opportunities for efficiencies derived through greater economies of scale;
  - Identify more areas of investment and growth, which are fundamental to achieving improved outcomes, including shifting resources to align with priority activity where appropriate; and
  - Start to review and improve performance management arrangements to ensure the Change Programme, including outcomes, delivers the ambitions contained within the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, Locality Plans and Council Plan.

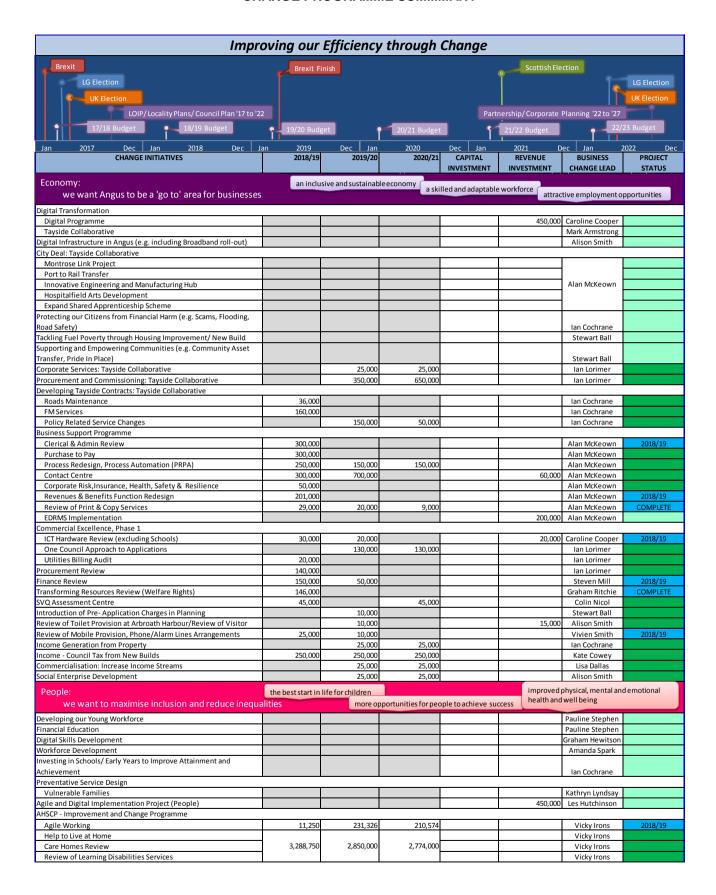
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Appendix 1: Change Programme Summary

### **CHANGE PROGRAMME SUMMMARY**



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