

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 JANUARY 2019**

**ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT 2016 TO 2018**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report for 2016 to 2018.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:-

- (i) note the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report 2016 to 2018 (appended to this report).

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

- 2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) and priorities contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 – 2030:
- 2.2 Our Priorities: Tackling inequalities; Building services around people and communities; Focusing on prevention; and Working together effectively.
- 2.3 Local Outcome 4 - The best start in life for children  
Local Outcome 5 - More opportunities for people to achieve success.  
Local Outcome 6 – Improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.  
Local Outcome 9 - Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The previous Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report covered the period from 2016 to 2017.
- 3.2 The Biennial Report of the AAPC for the period April 2016 to March 2018 presents the work we have undertaken in Angus, individually and in partnership, to deliver national, Tayside and local adult protection outcomes to improve the lives of vulnerable adults.
- 3.3 There is a statutory requirement for Adult Protection Committees to produce Biennial Reports that provide an overview of the work of local Adult Protection Committees.
- 3.4 The Biennial Report has been approved by AAPC and the Angus Chief Officers Group.
- 3.5 The Biennial Report was approved by Angus Council on 6 December 2018.

#### 4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The Committee have continued to work together to improve adult protection practice in Angus.

4.2 Of particular note this year is:-

- Building on the development session in 2016, a further session was held in 2017 with Committee members contributing to the development of strategic goals and a two year Strategic Plan to take forward the work of AAPC. This was considered a positive session with enthusiasm and commitment from Committee members as to the future direction of AAPC. Priority areas for future development were identified and included within the new Strategic Plan. The session this year saw the development of overarching strategic goals for the Committee which inform the priorities and ethos of the Committee's work.
- Development and implementation of an annual Self Evaluation Plan which includes case file audits, Networks of Support events and Initial and Significant Case Reviews where required. This has improved the scrutiny and review of adult protection work and processes in Angus, supporting the continuous improvement plan.
- During 2016 Angus Adult Protection Committee was integrated into the wider Protecting People Partnership along with the Child Protection Committee, Adult Protection Committee, Violence Against Women Partnership, Suicide Prevention Collaborative, Alcohol and Drug Partnership and MAPP. The establishment of our local Protecting People Angus arrangements has seen the relevant Committees and Partnerships beginning to work together to address crosscutting themes and develop a shared agenda. We aim to improve access to information and support both for staff and the public, strengthen communication strategies for example publicising of shared messages and mechanisms for access to support. This will reduce duplication, improve use of resources and enhance joint working.
- A Chairs and Lead Officers of the Partnerships Group has been established, working on developing the shared agenda with shared policy, training and events, such as the Making Connections Conference that took place in March 2018. This was an extremely well attended and well evaluated event and a successful launch for Protecting People Angus.

#### 5. PROPOSALS

The Scrutiny and Audit Committee notes the content of the AAPC Biennial Report for 2016 to 2018.

#### 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix – Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report for 2016 to 2018