

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 APRIL 2019**

**POLICY FOR THE LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND AND BUILDINGS TO  
COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY GROUPS – CLOTHES BANKS**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report advises the Committee of the current practice of leasing land and buildings to Community/Voluntary Groups and recommends expansion of the policy to include clothes banks.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the expansion of the policy for the lease of Council land and buildings to Community/Voluntary Groups to include clothes banks at £1 per annum.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN**

**ECONOMY**

1. An inclusive and sustainable economy
2. A skilled and adaptable workforce
3. Attractive employment opportunities

**PEOPLE**

4. The best start in life for children
5. More opportunities for people to achieve success
6. Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

**PLACE**

7. Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
8. A reduced carbon footprint
9. An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 The Council's policy for the lease of Council land and buildings to Community/Voluntary Groups is set out in Report 409/13 Policy for the Lease of Council Land and Buildings to Community/Voluntary Groups, presented to Strategic Policy Committee on 25 July 2013.

- 3.2 As part of that policy it was noted:

*“Angus Council wishes to assist organisations which provide Community Benefit to Angus through a discounted rent scheme for those Community / Voluntary / Charity Groups wishing to lease Council land and buildings.*

*Such groups should endeavour to contribute to the delivery of the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement.” And*

*And “The level of discount to be applied will vary dependent on the type of organisation....”*

- 3.3. The discount for Foodbanks was rent of £1 per annum.

**4. PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 At the time of original policy in 2013, clothes banks were not foreseen, but are now emerging in parts of the County, allowing access to clothing items for people in need.
- 4.2 It is proposed that clothes banks are granted the same property rental, of £1 per annum, as Foodbanks when Community/Voluntary/Charity Groups wish to lease Council land and buildings.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Implementation of the proposals in this report will result in a small reduction in income to the Council where the discount is applied, however the proposals will provide support to Community/Voluntary/Charity Groups to assist in the delivery of the council's local outcomes.

**NOTE:** The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report 409/13 - Policy for the Lease of Council Land and Buildings to Community/Voluntary Groups - Strategic Policy Committee - 25 July 2013

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