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ANNUAL CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT 2018 TO 2019

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2018 to 2019.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Angus Council:

- (i) Notes and endorse the contents of the Chief Social Work Annual Report 2018 to 2019 (appended to this report)

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

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 - 2030 and the Corporate Plan 2017 to 2022:

- 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

2.2 Council priorities:

- We want to maximise inclusion and reduce inequalities
- We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens
- We want Angus Council to be efficient and effective

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The previous Chief Social Work Officer Report covered the period from 2017 to 2018.

3.2 This report is the annual evaluation report of social work services, including commissioned services for 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

3.3 The Chief Social Work Officer has a statutory requirement to produce an annual report that provides an overview of social work services in Angus. The Chief Social Work Officer also has a responsibility to report directly to elected members and the Chief Executive in respect of any significant, serious or immediate risk or concern arising from the statutory responsibilities.

3.4 The report details the arrangements within Angus Council to enable the Chief Social Work Officer to fulfil the responsibilities outlined in Section 5 (1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (as amended)

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The report details some of the major successes within social work services in 2018/19. It draws on a range of performance information as well as external and internal evaluation and engagement activities to report on:

- Summary of Performance - key challenges, developments and improvements during the year
- Partnership Working – governance and accountability arrangements
- Social Services Delivery Landscape
- Finance
- Service Quality and Performance including delivery of statutory functions
- Workforce

4.2 This year's report highlights another busy and challenging year where we continue to provide high quality flexible services to our vulnerable children, young people and adults throughout 2018 to 2019 within the challenging financial environment.

5. PROPOSALS

Angus Council notes the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2018 to 2019; Angus Council approves the report.

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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Appendices:

Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Draft Annual Report for 2018 to 2019.
(Once approved it will be published in a PDF format)