

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2020

REPORTS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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ABSTRACT

This report advises members of reports submitted to other Angus Council committees, the Council, Tayside Contracts and to the IJB that are relevant to the work of the Scrutiny and Audit committee.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Review the reports listed at Appendix 1
- (ii) Determine whether any of the reports should be the subject of a more detailed discussion by this committee

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

The work of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee supports the achievement of the corporate priorities set out in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the Council Plan. This report provides information for scrutiny, in line with the remit of the committee.

3. CURRENT POSITION

Report 365/18 to this committee on 20 November 2018 set out the intention to submit regular summaries of reports submitted to other committees which are relevant to the work of this committee. Appendix 1 lists reports from the period 18 October 2019 to 3 April 2020.

This was last reported to this committee in November 2019 covering the period 1 June to 17 October 2019. Report 389/19 refers.

4. PROPOSALS

Members are asked to review the reports listed at Appendix 1 and to determine whether any further action is required by this committee.

5. 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 1

COMMITTEE REPORTS 18 October 2019 to 3 April 2020

Table 1: Reports submitted to Council and Council committees

Report	Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R353/19 Sch. 3	Children & Learning 5 November 2019	Care Inspectorate Inspection of Strathmore Centre Care Home Service <u>Gradings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for children & young people's wellbeing very good Planning of care and support very good 	(5)
R44/20 Sch. 1	Children & Learning 18 February 2020	Education Scotland Inspection of Grange Primary School <u>Gradings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning, teaching & assessment excellent Raising attainment & achievement excellent 	(5)
R44/20 Sch. 2	Children & Learning 18 February 2020	Education Scotland Inspection of Inverarity Primary School <u>Gradings:</u> Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership of change good Learning, teaching & assessment good Raising attainment & achievement good Wellbeing, equality, inclusion very good Nursery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership of change good Learning, teaching & assessment good Raising attainment & achievement very good Wellbeing, equality, & inclusion very good 	(5)
R396/19	Policy & Resources 26 November 2019	Procurement annual report 2018/19 and Procurement Strategy Presents the Council's second statutory annual procurement report and review of the Council's Procurement Strategy under the procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and recommends both for publication.	(6)
R402/19	Council 5 December 2019	Review of Governance Arrangements Establishment of a short-life Member/Officer Group to review the current governance arrangements in relation to the Council's Standing Orders, the Order of Reference of Committees and the Scheme of Delegation to Officers. The report notes that the outcome of the review will be reported to the Council at the meeting of 19 March 2020 (Report 113/20 below). This meeting was cancelled and an updated report will be presented to the Special Arrangements Committee in May 2020 (Report 142/20 below)	(5)

Report	Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
<u>R406/19</u>	Council 5 December 2019	Treasury management 2019/20 Mid-Year Review Review of the Council's treasury management activities for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019	(6)
<u>R16/20 App.1</u>	Council 6 February 2020	Angus Community Plan Annual performance Report 2018/2019 This presents the Angus Community Plan annual performance report for 2018/19. The contents have been aligned with the Angus Council Plan 2017-2024	(6)
<u>R112/20</u>	Council 19 March 2020 Meeting Cancelled, however papers are available	Local Governance Review – Developing and Testing Proposals	(5)
<u>R113/20</u>	Council 19 March 2020 Meeting Cancelled, however papers are available	Review of Governance Arrangements A revised version of this report was reported to the Special Arrangements Committee on 26 May Report 142/20.	(5)
<u>R121/20</u>	Council Special 3 April 2020	COVID-19 Special Arrangements in Relation to Decision Making Powers This report sets out proposed arrangements in terms of decision making at council and committee level in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and also proposes extending the delegated authority of certain officers, until such time as it is deemed to be appropriate to revert back to the current Scheme of Delegation and the Order of Reference of Committee.	(5)
<u>R122/20</u>	Council Special 3 April 2020	Actions taken in Response to Covid-19 Pandemic To inform members of actions taken by the Chief Executive in response to the Covid-19 pandemic	(5)
<u>R123/20</u>	Council Special 3 April 2020	Covid-19: Temporary Additional Delegations – Finance and procurement Activity This report sought Council approval to some additional temporary delegations regarding finance and procurement activity to allow urgent businesss to be conducted and to maximise the ability of the Council to respond to current and emerging VOVID-19 issues.	(5)
<u>R124/20</u>	Council Special 3 April 2020	Angus Council Covid-19 Response This provided an update on the actions of Angus Council in preparation, readiness and the ongoing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic	(5) and (6)

Report	Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R126/20	Council Special 3 April 2020	<p>Financial Support, Resilience & Policy – Covid-19 Response</p> <p>This advised Council of the financial support and resilience arrangements being put in place nationally to help local people, businesses and our key suppliers and sought approval of a number of local support measures to complement those national arrangements</p>	(5) and (6)
R142/20	Special Arrangements Committee 26 May 2020	<p>Review of Governance Arrangements</p> <p>This report details proposals to establish a short-life Member/Officer Group to review the current arrangements in relation to the Council's Standing Orders, The Order of Reference of Committees and the Scheme of Delegation to Officers</p>	(5)

Table 2: Reports submitted to Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board and Tayside Contracts Joint Committee. Angus Alive reports are not included here as their meetings are not held in public.

Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below_)
IJB Audit Committee 11 December 2019	<p>Agenda and reports are available here. This includes the minute from the Audit Committee meeting on 28 August 2019. Other reports of interest:</p> <p>Report IJB69 2028/19 and 2019/20 Internal Audit plan - progress report Report IJB70 Internal Audit reports – Follow-up Actions Report IJB73 Governance action plans Report IJB74 Corporate Strategic Risk Management Report 2018/19 and Report IJB75 External Reports. This includes reference to The Independent inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside (May 2019)</p>	(7)
Tayside Contracts Joint Committee 18 November 2019	<p>Agenda and reports are available here. Reports of particular interest:</p> <p>Item 6 Business Plan 6 month update</p> <p>Item 7 Audit Update - two reports were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Security, Grading Substantial – controls largely satisfactory although some weaknesses identified, recommendations for improvement made • Purchasing and Payments, Grading Strong – controls satisfactory, no major weaknesses found, no or only minor recommendations made. <p>Item 8 Annual Performance report 2018/19 The summary of KPIs against targets is in Appendix 1 on page 115 of the papers, page 38 of the report.</p>	(7)
Tayside Contracts Joint Committee 16 March 2020	<p>Agenda and reports are available here. This includes the minute from the Joint Committee meeting on 18 November 2019. Reports of particular interest:</p> <p>Item 5 Position of Managing Director – Notification of Retirement and Recruitment of Successor. The current Managing Director will retire on 31 July 2020 and arrangements are in hand to recruit a successor.</p> <p>Item 7 Audit Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up Review, Grading Substantial – controls largely satisfactory although some weaknesses identified, recommendations for improvement made • Health & Safety, Grading Strong - controls satisfactory, no major weaknesses found, no or only minor recommendations made. 	(7)

Extract from Scrutiny and Audit committee remit

- (5) To consider reports by external agencies insofar as they contribute to the overall assessment of governance, risk and internal control.
- (6) To review the performance and effectiveness of the standard and level of service provided by council services.
- (7) To review the governance and assurance arrangements for significant partnerships or collaborations including IJB, ANGUSalive, and Tayside Contracts.