



## **AGENDA ITEM NO 12**

**REPORT NO IJB 68/20**

### **ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

#### **INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 28 OCTOBER 2020**

#### **CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

#### **REPORT BY KATHRYN LINDSAY, DESIGNATED CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, ANGUS COUNCIL**

#### **ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2019 to 2020 considered and approved by Angus Council on 10 September 2020.

#### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- (i) note the content of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2019 to 2020.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The previous Chief Social Work Officer Report covered the period from 2018 to 2019.
- 2.2 This report is the annual evaluation report of social work services, including commissioned services from 2019 to 2020.
- 2.3 The Chief Social Work Officer has a statutory requirement to produce an annual report which 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.
- 2.4 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).

#### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 The report details how we are performing in social work services in 2019 to 2020. 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 achievements and challenges, developments and improvements during the year
  - Service quality and performance including delivery of statutory functions
  - Finance
  - Workforce
  - Early impact of Coronavirus (Covid-19)
  - Priorities for recovery in response to Covid-19 pandemic

3.2 Throughout 2019/20 we have continued to provide high quality flexible services to vulnerable children, young people and adults with many examples of innovative practice to improve the outcomes for people using our services. This year's report comes at a very difficult time with the reporting period ending with the challenges presented by Coronavirus (Covid-19) to the citizens of Angus and staff across all services.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

Integration Joint Board notes the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2019 – 2020.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### 6. DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in Section 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Angus Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Angus Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	No Direction Required	X
	Angus Council	
	NHS Tayside	
	Angus Council and NHS Tayside	

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#### Appendices

Appendix 1 - Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2019 to 2020