

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 2 MARCH 2021

ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP (ACJP) ANNUAL ACTIVITY RETURN REPORT

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Community Justice Partnership Annual Activity Return for 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Scrutinise the contents of the Angus Community Justice Partnership (ACJP) Annual Activity Return Report for 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 (appendix 1 to this report).

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

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- 2.1 Our Priorities: Tackling inequalities; Building services around people and communities; Focusing on prevention; and Working together effectively.

Local Outcome - More opportunities for people to achieve success.

Local Outcome - The best start in life for children

Local Outcome - Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

Local Outcome - A skilled and adaptable workforce

Local Outcome - Improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The previous Angus Community Annual Activity Return report covered the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

- 3.2 The Annual activity return report presents the work undertaken by individual services within the Angus Community Justice Partnership and collectively as a partnership to deliver National, Tayside and Local Justice outcomes to improve the lives of individuals within the Justice system or on the periphery during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

- 3.3 Angus Community Justice Partnership also have a statutory obligation to provide the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) with an overview of the work undertaken by the partnership over the reporting period.

- 3.4 The Angus Community Justice Partnership Annual Activity Return Report 2019-20 has been approved by the CPP.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The ACJP have continued to work together to promote the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Angus and deliver services to support their specific needs.

4.2 Of note during this period:

- Awareness Sessions – ACJP were involved in arranging various awareness sessions for staff within Angus Council and the Third Sector to provide information sharing/networking opportunities on the work they undertake and promote a collaborate working relationship.
- ACJP are in the process of reviewing the ACJP Outcome Improvement Plant with the aim of developing a one-year plan for 2021-22 to reduce duplication of work, make best use of resources and support the citizens of Angus.
- Eradicating Gender-based violence (GBV) is a primary goal of the partnership. To support this goal, surveys have been sent out to victims, services involved with victims and those who perpetrate GBV, along with two focus groups for frontline professionals involved with victims. Next steps; survey for those who perpetrate GBV to gather their view. Information from these will identify any gaps in services to be addressed.

5. PROPOSALS

The Scrutiny and Audit Committee is requested to scrutinise and thereafter, note the content of the ACJP Annual Report for 1 March 2019 to 1 April 2020.

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 1. Angus Community Justice Partnership Annual Activity Return 2019-20