

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 APRIL 2021

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

1.1 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

2.1 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

3.1 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 28 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

This was last reported to this committee in December 2020 covering the period 27 May 2020 to 27 October 2020. Report 310/20 refers.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 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

5.1 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 28 October 2020 to 31 March 2021

Table 1: Reports submitted to Council and Council committees

Report	Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R266/20	Angus Council 5 November 2020	<p>Angus Community Plan Performance Report 2019-20</p> <p>This report presents the Angus Community Plan annual performance report for 2019-2020, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Partnership Summary • Legislative Context • COVID-19 related work • Our Performance – key areas of work • Sections on each priority: Reducing Child Poverty, Improving Mental Health & Wellbeing, Improving Accessibility and Connectivity • Locality Implementation Partnership Updates • 2020 – 2021 focus • Our Indicators • 2030 Aspirations – Update. 	6
R267/20	Angus Council 5 November 2020	<p>Angus Council Plan Annual Performance Report 2019/20</p> <p>The report includes case studies, key statistics and improvement progress and outlines how we are delivering on our vision to make Angus a great place to live, work and visit.</p>	6
R270/20	Angus Council 5 November 2020	<p>Arrangements in Relation to Information Reports:Update</p> <p>This Report proposes that the interim arrangements with regard to Information Reports cease and the previous practice of Information Reports being submitted to committees be re-established</p>	1
R272/20	Angus Council 5 November 2020	<p>Angus Alive:Update</p> <p>This report provides an update in relation to ANGUSalive, including progress with the current recovery plans and the initial steps of the transformation project agreed at Council in September</p>	7
R327/20	Angus Council 17 December 2020	<p>Councillor’s Code of Conduct: Consultation 2020</p> <p>This Report details a proposed response to the Scottish Government consultation on possible revisions to the Code of Conduct for Councillors.</p>	1
R334/20	Angus Council 17 December 2020	<p>Angus Alive:Update</p> <p>This report provides an update in relation to ANGUSalive, including progress with the current operating plans and the ongoing development of the transformation project previously agreed by the Council.</p>	7

Report	Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R9/21	Angus Council 11 February 2021	<p>Review of remote meeting arrangements</p> <p>This Report advises members of the outcome of a review of remote meetings arrangements and recommends that remote arrangements continue</p>	1
R36/21	Angus Council 11 February 2021	<p>Angus Alive Update</p> <p>This report provides an update in relation to ANGUSalive, including the latest impact of COVID-19 on the temporary operating plans and the ongoing development of the transformation project previously agreed by the Council.</p>	7
R97/21	Angus Council 18 March 2021	<p>External Review of Decision to Demolish the Former Lochside leisure Centre</p> <p>This Report presents to members the independent external review report relating to decisions taken by the Council from 2013 to present in determining the decision to demolish Lochside Leisure Centre.</p>	5
R100/21	Angus Council 18 March 2021	<p>Review of Remote Meetings Arrangements: Update</p> <p>This Report updates elected members in relation to remote meetings arrangements following deferral of Report 34/21.</p>	1
R105/21	Angus Council 18 March 2021	<p>ANGUSalive : Update</p> <p>This report provides an update in relation to ANGUSalive, including the latest impact of COVID-19 on the temporary operating plans and progress with the transformation project, including key aspects of ongoing strategic development work.</p>	7

Report	Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R276/20	Children and Learning Committee 17 November 2020	<p>Annual Education Report 2019 to 2020 and Annual Education Plan 2020 to 2021</p> <p>The Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000, as amended, introduced new planning and reporting duties on Education Authorities.</p> <p>This report presents Angus Council's Annual Education Report for session 2019 to 2020 and the Annual Education Plan for session 2020 to 2021. This Annual Education Report and Plan summarises progress made with the 2019 to 2020 plan and sets out the new Annual Education Plan for session 2020 to 2021.</p> <p>The Report presents –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of improvement activity being progressed through the Tay Improvement collaborative; • Data on attendance, exclusion and achievement; • Outcomes of Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland inspections; • A summary of the use of Pupil Equity Funding; • Updates on progress within each of the priority areas listed in the 2019 to 2020 Plan. <p>4.3 The Report also captures the work of the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate from the point of school closure in March 2020 until August 2020.</p>	6
R2/21	Communities 19 January 2021	<p>Angus Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2020 & Tenant & Customer Engagement Strategy Action Plan 2020/21</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the Angus Council Housing Service Customer Satisfaction Survey 2020 and to seek approval for the Tenant and Customer Engagement Strategy Action Plan 2020-21.</p>	6

Table 2: Reports submitted to Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit Committee 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 9 Dec 2020	Agenda and reports are available at IJB Audit Committee - 9 December 2020 This includes the minute from the Audit Committee meeting on 26 August 2020. Other reports of interest: Report IJB 72/20 2019/20 and 2020/21 Internal Audit Plans progress report Report IJB 74/20 Governance Action plan Report 76/20 – Angus Annual Risk Management Report 2019/20	7
IJB Board 24 February 2021	Report IJB 88/21 Adult Protection Improvement Work Progress Report This report identifies work currently being undertaken within the AHSCP to address performance improvement in Adult Support and Protection. It provides a progress report against the planned work identified in previous reports, 26/08/20 IJB 61/20 and 28/10/20 IJB 70/20.	7
IJB Board 24 February 2021	Report IJB 89/21 Update on Progress with Implementation of The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 The implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 has been progressing. A Strategy for Carers in Angus was published in December 2019 and this identified a range of improvement areas that require to be delivered to meet the intentions of the legislation. This report provides an update on progress and specifically considers the waiving of charges for carers.	7
Tayside Contracts Joint Committee 16 November 2020	Agenda and reports are available Tayside Contracts Joint Committee - 16 November 2020 Tayside Contracts Joint Committee - 16 November 2020 - Annual Performance Report including the minute of the meeting on 24 August 2020. Reports of particular interest: Item 5 Report on Business plan - six month update –. Item 6 Annual performance report 2019/2020 Item 7 Audit Update - one internal audit report on risk management Grading Strong – controls satisfactory, no major weaknesses found, no or only minor recommendations made.	7

<p>Tayside Contracts Joint Committee 15 March 2021</p>	<p>Agenda and reports are available</p> <p>Tayside Contracts Joint Committee - 15 March 2021 Tayside Contracts Joint Committee - 15 March 2021 - Business plan 2021-2024</p> <p>This includes the minute from the Joint Committee meeting on 16 November 2020.</p> <p>Items of particular interest:</p> <p>Item 9 Audit and National Fraud Initiative This report provides an overview of progress of internal audit work for 2020/21 and planned work for 2021/22 Three internal audit reports were included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up review Grading Substantial - Controls largely satisfactory although some weaknesses identified, recommendations for improvement made • Disaster Recovery Grading Strong – controls satisfactory, no major weaknesses found, no or only minor recommendations made. • Human Resources and Payroll Grading Strong – controls satisfactory, no major weaknesses found, no or only minor recommendations made. 	<p>7</p>
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Extract from Scrutiny and Audit committee remit

- (1) To review all aspects of the Council's corporate governance arrangements against the CIPFA Delivering Good Governance Framework and to consider the Council's local code of corporate governance.
- (3) To consider the council's framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the council.
- (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.