

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2017

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS FOR 2017/18

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND PLACE

ABSTRACT

This report seeks committee approval of the proposed service level agreement with Voluntary Action Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that Communities Committee:

- (i) approves providing grant funding for the amount of £95,078 to Voluntary Action Angus for the financial year 2017/18 for the services outlined in 3.2, including a payment of £30,000 to enable social activities for older people focused on Council sheltered housing communal lounges as community hubs
- (ii) authorises the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Head of Planning and Place to agree the terms of a Service Level Agreement with Voluntary Action Angus to document the grant funding to support the provision of said services

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

1 - We have a sustainable economy with good employment opportunities.

8 - We have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced.

9 - Individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Voluntary Action Angus was formed in 2012 by the merger of Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations (AAVO) Volunteer Centre Angus (VCA). Voluntary Action Angus was formed in response to the Scottish Government's requirement for key local third sector interfaces in each local authority area. Funding for Voluntary Action Angus from Angus Council in 2015/16 was approved by the Communities Committee (Report No 105/15). In Report 13/16 Angus Council agreed to explore options for enhancing a preventative care service.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 For 2017/18 it is not proposed to increase the funding provided by Children and Learning Directorate to Voluntary Action Angus.

4.2 In relation to the Communities' Directorate funding provided to Voluntary Action Angus, the Volunteering Services for Children and Young People will remain the same.

4.3 The funding for Friday night projects in Angus is met from a carry forward agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee in Report 42/16. The level of funding proposed is the same for Kirriemuir as for 2016/17.

4.4 In 2016/17 Committee approved funding of £40,000 per year to support the development of new models of care for older people, in line with proposals set out in Report 13/16. These

models focus on providing older people with opportunities for social contact and association and link to other initiatives in preventative care including befriending and volunteer driving. The actual payment made in 16/17 to VAA was £20,000 as a mid-year cost including set up arrangements. Further discussion through regular monitoring has established that £30,000 full year costs are sufficient to deliver the programme and it is therefore proposed to limit the SLA for 17/18 to £30,000.

4.5 The breakdowns of grant funding for 2016/7 and 2017/8 are shown in the following tables:-

Service	Amount 2016/17	Amount 2017/18	Funding Directorate
Recruit and train volunteers for opportunities within Angus Council	£12,738	£12,738	Children and Learning
Enhance and support work in the third sector	£7,540	£ 7,540	Children and Learning
Kirriemuir Friday Night Project	£12,800	£12,800	Communities
Volunteering services for children and young people	£32,000	£32,000	Communities
Enabling the organisation of social activities for older people focused on Council sheltered housing communal lounges as community hubs	£20,000	£30,000	Communities HRA
Total	£85,078	£95,078	

5. PROPOSAL

5.1 It is proposed to issue a service level agreement to Voluntary Action Angus for the amount of £95,078 in grant funding for 2017/18.

5.2 The council will enter into a service level agreement with Voluntary Action Angus who are providing the following services which the council wishes to support with grant funding:

- Recruiting and training volunteers for opportunities within Angus Council
- Enhancement and support work in the third sector
- Kirriemuir Friday Night Project
- Volunteering services for children and young people
- Enabling the organisation of social activities for older people focused on Council sheltered housing communal lounges as community hubs

5.3 It should be noted that the provision of the services by Voluntary Action Angus are subject to the monitoring arrangements as set out in the corporate standard for service level agreements. In addition the service level agreement requires quarterly reporting on the level and quality of the services provided and the reports are actively monitored by staff within People and Communities Directorates.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total value of the service level agreement is £95,078. The service level agreement will be funded as follows:

Source	Amount
Children's and Learning Directorate	£20,278
Communities Directorate/HRA	£74,800
Total	£95,078

Provision for these amounts has been made in the relevant revenue budgets.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- **Social Work and Health Committee Report No 534/12**
- **Social Work and Health Committee Report No 102/14**
- **Strategic Policy Committee Report No 706/12**
- **Communities Committee Report No 105/15**
- **Angus Council Report No 13/16**

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