



**ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 27 OCTOBER 2021**

**ANNUAL CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT 2020-2021**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2020 to 2021. The report and its consideration are a requirement to ensure oversight and accountability within the local authority for all social work and social care services. The report is now submitted to the Integration Joint Board for information. Following approval by Angus Council at their meeting of 9 September 2021, the report was submitted to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser at Scottish Government.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:-

- (i) Note the contents of the Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2020-21 (appendix 1).

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The previous Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report covered the period 2019-20 and made some comment on the initial impact of Covid-19 on social work and social care services. This report is the annual evaluation report of social work services, including commissioned services delivered during the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.
- 2.2 Statutory Guidance issued by the Scottish Government requires the Chief Social Work Officer to produce an annual report giving 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 Local Authority's Chief Executive in respect of any significant, serious, or immediate risk or concern arising from statutory responsibilities within her professional remit.
- 2.3 The report details arrangements within Angus Council to enable the Chief Social Work Officer to fulfil the responsibilities contained in the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the legislation referred to in Section 5 (1B) of that Act.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 The report provides an overview of how Angus Council delivered a wide range of social work and social care services during 2020-2021. It draws on a range of performance information, some of which will have been reported to individual Council Committees and/or the Integration Joint Board throughout the year. The outcome of external and internal evaluation and improvement activities are also referenced, including:
  - Summary of Performance - key achievements and challenges, developments, and improvements during the year
  - Service quality and performance including delivery of statutory functions
  - Finance
  - Workforce
  - Priorities for recovery in response to Covid-19

3.2 The report was presented to Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee on 24 August 2021 and thereafter approved by Angus Council on 9 September 2021.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

Members of the Integration and Joint Board are asked to note the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report 2020-21.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### 6. RISK

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

#### 7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

Not applicable

#### 8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

#### 9. 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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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2020-2021.