

## **ANGUS COUNCIL**

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held remotely on Thursday 28 October 2021 at 1.00 pm.

**Present:** Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN BEM, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, BEN LAWRIE, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, BOB MYLES, GAVIN NICOL, MARK SALMOND, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

Provost RONNIE PROCTOR, in the Chair.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Cheape and David Lumgair.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bell declared an interest in Item 3, Report No 332/21, as she was a non-executive Director of Public Health Scotland. She indicated that she had a specific exclusion in terms of the Code of Conduct and that she would therefore participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

### **3. NATIONAL CAR SERVICE CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

There was submitted Report No 332/21 by the Chief Executive outlining Angus Council's proposed response to the Scottish Government consultation "A National Care Service for Scotland".

The Report indicated that the principal aim of the review was to recommend improvements to adult social care in Scotland, primarily in terms of the outcomes achieved by and with people who use services, their carers and families, and the experience of people who work in adult social care.

On 9 August 2021, the Scottish Government had launched a consultation setting out proposals for the future delivery of social care in Scotland and Appendix 1 to the Report outlined a proposed Angus Council response to the National Care Service consultation based on the foundation principle of retaining local democratic accountability and delivery responsibility for services.

Councillor Fairweather thanked all the officers involved in the response for their hard work on this very important issue.

A number of members asked questions in relation to the proposals and the Chief Executive and the Director of Children, Families and Justice were heard in response. A number of members also expressed concerns regarding the possible centralisation of services and the loss of local accountability and delivery of services.

Thereafter, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the detail of the proposals set out in the National Care Service Consultation;
- (ii) to approve Angus Council's formal response to the National Care Service Consultation; and
- (iii) to authorise the Chief Executive to submit Angus Council's agreed response by 2 November 2021.