

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 1 MARCH 2022**

**ANGUSALIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

**REPORT BY VIVIEN SMITH, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC POLICY, TRANSFORMATION & PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM**

**ABSTRACT**

This report presents ANGUSalive's Annual Report for 2020/21.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) review the ANGUSalive Annual Report for 2020/21, included in Appendix 1.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN/COUNCIL PLAN**

2.1 The services that ANGUSalive deliver for Angus Council as part of the services agreement contribute to a number of strategic priorities contained within the Community Plan, Locality Plans and Council Plan.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Without prejudice to the role of the Communities Committee, this Committee has the remit: *“To review the governance and assurance arrangements for significant partnerships or collaborations including IJB, ANGUSalive, Tayside Contracts.”*

3.2 Members will also be aware of the series of update reports, with the first of these commencing on 10 September 2020 ([Report 224/20](#) refers), considered by Council setting out the significant financial and operational challenges faced by ANGUSalive as a consequence of the pandemic and savings targeted in the Council's Change Programme. These reports have also provided progress updates in relation to the transformation project which was also agreed by the Council to mitigate the significant risk of ongoing business viability by developing proposals for the transformational change required to achieve a sustainable future for ANGUSalive to deliver culture, sport and leisure services.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 ANGUSalive's annual report for 2020/21 is included in Appendix 1. Notwithstanding the challenging operating environment, the report highlights some of ANGUSalive's key achievements and developments during 2020/21 and includes a financial overview on pages 64-65.

4.2 More detailed financial information is available in ANGUSalive's report and consolidated financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021, which can be accessed directly from OSCR/ Companies House by following this [hyperlink](#) and selecting the entry entitled 'Group of companies' accounts made up to 31 March 2021' lodged on 20 October 2021.

**5. PROPOSALS**

5.1 Members are asked to review the ANGUSalive 2020/21 Annual Report, included in Appendix 1.

5.2 It is highlighted that this Annual Report covers the period during the early waves of the pandemic, including periods when the entire country was in lock-down. There is therefore no

comparable data to inform Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) over the period of the Annual Report.

- 5.3 A full review of KPIs is being undertaken as part of the transformation project and these will be linked to the updated services specification once that has been developed and agreed.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

**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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List of Appendices:

1. ANGUSalive Annual Report 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021