

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ANGUS COUNCIL – 30 JUNE 2022**

**REVIEW OF SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC POLICY, TRANSFORMATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM**

**ABSTRACT**

This report proposes minor amendments to the current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Approve the draft revised Scheme annexed as Appendix 1 to this report.
- (ii) Note that if approved the revised Scheme will come into effect on 1 August 2022.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN**

Place: We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens

**3. BACKGROUND**

The current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils was adopted by Angus Council on 13 December 2012 and came in to effect on 1 January 2013.

To ensure that the scheme continues to meet the needs of both Angus Council and community councils, a review of the scheme has been undertaken. The purpose of the review was to, where possible, simplify the text and remove any outdated information from the current scheme. No changes were proposed to the community council areas or membership numbers.

The review commenced on 22 November 2021 with an initial eight-week public consultation, where all interested parties were invited to comment on the proposed amendments. The Council received one representation during this period. This was reviewed and a further amendment was incorporated into the draft amended scheme. A further eight-week public consultation exercise was then carried out between 20 January 2022 and 17 March 2022. No further representations were received.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

A copy of the updated draft scheme is annexed at Appendix 1. The table of amendments incorporated into the draft scheme is attached at Appendix 2 for information.

**5. PROPOSALS**

It is proposed that, if approved, the amended Scheme comes into effect on 1 August 2022, prior to the Community Council elections which are due to be held in September/October this year.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

## 7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as there is no differential impact on people with protected characteristics in terms of 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: Revised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

Appendix 2: Table of amendments