

ANGUS COUNCIL

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ANGUSALIVE: UPDATE

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ABSTRACT

This report provides an update in relation to the use of ANGUSalive facilities as temporary vaccination centres in Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose, along with a brief update on progress with the development of ANGUSalive's Transformation Programme.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Note the latest position with the temporary vaccination centres, as set out in section 4.1 below; and
- (ii) Note the progress with the development of ANGUSalive's Transformation Programme, and that a report with a full update on the various projects included in the programme will be brought to the first full Council meeting after the summer recess.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN/ COUNCIL PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Community Plan:

- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- A skilled and adaptable workforce
- Attractive employment opportunities
- The best start in life for children
- More opportunities for people to achieve success
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Reference is made to the series of reports to Council relating to ANGUSalive which commenced in September 2020, which have been listed as background papers at the end of this latest report.

3.2 At the Council meeting on 10 March 2022, it was requested that a full update be provided in relation to the use of ANGUSalive facilities as temporary vaccination centres at Reid Hall, Forfar; Arbroath Community Centre; and Montrose Town Hall, to the first meeting of full Council after the election.

3.3 It is highlighted that the Council previously agreed to the proposal for NHS Tayside to continue to use these three facilities as temporary vaccination centres up to 31 March 2023, subject to agreement on rental arrangements and a continued effort to secure alternative venues ([Report 38/22](#) refers).

4. UPDATES

4.1 Vaccination Centres

- 4.1.1 Following a review of options with NHS Tayside, the Montrose Road Centre, Forfar has been identified as a suitable alternative venue in Forfar for a vaccination centre on an ongoing basis.
- 4.1.2 Timings of the transition from the Reid Hall to the Montrose Road Centre are currently being finalised and will accommodate a period to undertake any remedial works to the Reid Hall prior to use of the venue for other bookings. Confirmation of the schedule to complete the required remedial works will be concluded as a priority to enable ANGUSalve to provide accurate information to customers as soon as possible about future availability of the venue. This is particularly important due to the long lead-time for bookings given the types of events held in the Reid Hall.
- 4.1.3 The majority of customer bookings for Reid Hall, Forfar require significant advance planning due to the nature of these events. Bookings are consequently reserved well ahead of time to secure preferred dates and make all the necessary arrangements. A gradual growth in occupancy of the Reid Hall, Forfar is therefore anticipated once it becomes available again to the community which uses this venue for a variety of purposes. Previous regular bookings - on a weekly, monthly or annual basis - have already had to make alternative arrangements for the period when the Reid Hall, Forfar was unavailable, and it is acknowledged it will take time for customers to switch back to the venue at the end of these agreements with other providers and some customers may choose to continue to use a different location. A number of events were however of a scale that no suitable alternative could be secured and there is expected to be strong demand for these bookings across the remainder of this financial year.
- 4.1.4 In terms of the impact on services currently operating from the Montrose Road Centre, the Housing Team are to move to the County Buildings (Agile Locality Hub) and the Communities team are to take back their purpose designed space at the Forfar Community Campus (used by the school during the pandemic). The Communities team are also identifying other venues in the town where they could operate on a 'touch-down' basis
- 4.1.5 NHS Tayside, in liaison with the Council's Assets team, are continuing to explore alternative options in Arbroath and Montrose:
- In Arbroath, two options have emerged with potential for vaccination centre use. Both the venues have their respective merits and it is understood that discussions between NHS Tayside and the respective building owners have commenced with a view to securing one of the venues.
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 - In Montrose, a number of venues have been considered but there are currently no feasible options identified. Further searches for both openly commercial and non-commercial premises are ongoing. New options coming to the market-place, obtained through property searches, continue to be explored.
- 4.1.6 NHS Tayside will continue to use ANGUSalve facilities at Arbroath Community Centre and Montrose Town Hall as temporary vaccination centres until suitable alternatives are identified or until 31 March 2023, as previously agreed by members. Booking requests for both venues are being accepted from 1 April 2023 when these facilities are scheduled to return to community use to support a wider breadth of activity to inspire healthy, active and creative lifestyle choices.
- 4.1.7 ANGUSalve and the Council have now agreed the approach to cost recovery with NHS Tayside for using these facilities as temporary vaccination centres. The Council's utility costs and building maintenance repairs will be fully recovered, while ANGUSalve have negotiated a suitable hire rate for the temporary occupancy of the venues for the period they are not available for use by communities.

4.2 ANGUSalve Transformation Programme

- 4.2.1 A number of project proposals which have the potential to transform aspects of ANGUSalve, have now been identified covering a wide variety of opportunities that relate to the short, medium and long term.
- 4.2.2 Some proposals are already in progress, while others will require significant development work before they can progress. Some proposals will require significant financial investment if they are to progress, while other proposals are relatively small-scale changes that can be readily implemented. Some proposals will require a change to the Services Specification and will require agreement from the Council before they can be implemented.
- 4.2.3 A further report providing more information in relation to each of the projects, along with their current status and seeking approval from the Council where this is required, will be brought to the first full Council meeting after the summer recess.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the Council associated with this specific report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT/ FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY ASSESSMENTS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive Officer of ANGUSalve has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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:

- [Report 108/22](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 10 March 2022)
- [Report 61/22](#), [Annex 1](#), [Annex 2](#) and [Annex 3](#) - ANGUSalve Charges Review and Budget Settlement 2022/23 (Council, 3 March 2021)
- [Report 38/22](#), [Appendix 1](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 10 February 2022)
- [Report 393/21](#), [Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 2](#) - ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 16 December 2021)
- [Report 283/21](#), [Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 2](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 17 September 2021)
- [Report 220/21](#), [Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 2](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 24 June 2021)
- [Report 105/21](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 18 March 2021)
- [Report 67/21](#), [Appendix 1](#) – ANGUSalve Charges Review and Budget Settlement 2021/22 (Council, 4 March 2021)
- [Report 36/21](#), [Appendix 1](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council 11 February 2021)
- [Report 334/20](#), [Appendix 1](#), [Appendix 2](#) and [Appendix 3](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 17 December 2020)
- [Report 272/20](#), [Appendix 1](#), [Appendix 2](#) and [Appendix 3](#) – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 5 November 2020)
- [Report 224/20](#), [Appendix 1](#) and EIA – ANGUSalve: Update (Council, 10 September 2020)

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