

## **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND EXECUTIVE GROUP JOINT MEETING**

Minute of JOINT MEETING of the ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD and EXECUTIVE GROUP, held REMOTELY on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 10.00 am.

Present: ***JOINT BOARD AND EXECUTIVE GROUP***

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

Councillor DAVID FAIRWEATHER, Leader  
MARGO WILLIAMSON, Chief Executive and Chair  
MARK ARMSTRONG, Depute Chief Executive  
VIVIEN SMITH, Director, Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform  
PETER McDONNELL, Service Leader – Justice

### **POLICE SCOTLAND**

Chief Inspector Leanne Blacklaw, Police Scotland

### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Scott Gibson, Group Commander, Service Delivery – Angus Area

### **NHS TAYSIDE**

No Board representative present.

### **VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS**

HAYLEY MEARNS, Interim Chief Executive.

### **ANGUS ALIVE**

Kirsty Hunter, Chief Executive

### **ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

No representative present.

### **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS**

No Locality Partnership Chairs Present.

### **ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

Emma Jane Wells

### **ANGUS HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

Jillian Galloway

### **DUNDEE & ANGUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Alison Henderson

### **DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE**

Katie Baxter

### **SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE TAYSIDE**

No representative present.

### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND**

Evonne Boyd

### **TACTRAN**

Mark Speed

### **DWP**

No representative present.

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**  
David Milne

**ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**  
PETER MORTON, Interim Strategic Policy Manager  
SHELLEY HAGUE, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager, SPT&PSR  
KIM RITCHIE, Strategic Policy and Planning Officer, SPT&PSR  
SARAH FORSYTH, Committee Officer, Democratic Services  
JACQUI SEMPLE, Manager – Risk, Resilience & Safety  
KIRSTY LEE, Service Leader – Child Protection & Review, Children, Families  
& Justice

Margo Williamson in the Chair.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Alison Smith, Angus Council; Jim Hammond, Chair of Angus Community Justice Partnership; Gordon MacDougall, Skills Development Scotland; Jaki Carnegie, Vice Principal, Corporate Services, Emma Fletcher, Director of Public Health Scotland, NHS Tayside and Gail Smith, Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST (ELECTED MEMBER ONLY)**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minute of the Joint Meeting of the Board and Executive Group of 21 January 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE / UPDATE**

There were no matters arising.

**5. RESILIENCE UPDATE**

JS provided a verbal update in terms of the continuing Covid response. Work continued and unfortunately there is still high levels of infection and transmission. Changes to the restrictions in place had been made recently however there would still be impacts on the Council and other partner organisations, particularly around staff absence. It was however a better emerging picture. There was still a requirement to encourage positive behaviour and in terms of the workplace settings, good ventilation, masks and distancing were all still required. A number of national initiatives also continued in terms of signage etc.

In terms of other work, JS provided an update on the debrief following the storms earlier this year with Angus sharing a number of the points made with partner agencies, and consideration being given to what further action may be required, if any, to support a future response.

A significant amount of work was being undertaken in term of homes for Ukraine with 142 applications and 32 hosts offering accommodation. This had presented a number of challenges, particularly around those families that had arrived without the necessary checks being completed. Further work would be required in terms of the demand on services and how to signpost those residing in Angus to the services they could require.

DM praised the work being undertaken in Angus and sought feedback from JS in terms of the support and services provided if help was not being provided from the Scottish Government.

## **6. FCLA COHORT 3 UPDATE**

HM provided an overview in terms of what Cohort 3 had been asked to do and how to make real positive change to the communities of Angus. HM submitted a paper which outlined the work she had been doing in partnership with AH and how they could provide a 'buddy' system for children and families which would provide early intervention and preventative work before people enter into a crisis. This would build on what had been done during the pandemic, similar to the 'my street volunteering'. An application for funding had been made to train the volunteers and a bespoke training programme would be provided which would be piloted in the Forfar area.

JG indicated a desire to work with HM in terms of the early intervention and prevention work. HM advised that she would be interested to have feedback from the other local authorities as it was likely there would be areas of cross-over and how best to measure and create a revamped service for children and families.

MW advised that Angus had been selected to do this and once Cohort 9 had been completed then all Angus FCLA's would be brought together to share innovative ideas and thereafter to bring together all the FCLA's from Tayside to ensure less duplication and more focus on need.

## **7. COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW**

SH shared an update in terms of the Community Planning review and advised that the paper circulated provided details in terms of the next steps. The information contained in the paper was not a draft plan rather an information gathering piece of work which would be issued to all partners. She sought feedback and further information in terms of groups and services and interesting information from all partners, their service and priorities. Also consideration would require to be given to the structure and the possibility of streamlining the number of groups. Any comment and feedback should be passed to SH.

MW thanked partners generally at this stage, those that had been involved in the Best Value Audit and had spoken to the Auditors.

## **8. THE ANGUS PROMISE**

KL gave a detailed and informative presentation on the Angus Promise and Plan which had been published in 2020 following the Independent Care Review commissioned by the Scottish Government. The review had been informed by children, young people and care experienced adults with over 5000 responses being received. The Promise and the Promise Plan set out the key areas organisations must focus on to create a Scotland where the most vulnerable children feel loved, respected, listened to and heard in decisions that affect them.

The Promise established five priority areas for change, focussing on early intervention and prevention and what whole family support should look like. The Plan outlined a number of actions over the next 10 years to establish changes that would reduce the need for children to be separated from their families and should they require to live away from home that they experience the love, care, consistency and everything they would need to thrive. The areas for change were of direct relevance to all public bodies and third sector organisations across community planning partnerships.

Scottish Government funding would allow the opportunity to help with whole family support and to think about what communities had found would be helpful to support families based on what families had advised would work for them.

She indicated that there was lots of innovative work happening within the children's services groups with a number of common themes including early intervention and prevention and flexible family support being delivered in local communities. KH thereafter provided an overview of some of the further work that was being undertaken including changing the language of care work, housing support for care experienced young people and the appointment of the Angus Promise Team.

MW praised the work being undertaken however recognised the challenges given the resources available. Thereafter MA was heard in terms of partnership working and delivery of the Promise.

*At this stage in the meeting, the meeting was adjourned for a 10 minute comfort break.*

## **9. ANGUS WOMEN'S CENTRE**

There was submitted an Interim Report: April 2022 on Angus Support for Women.

ARB indicated that the paper provided a reflection of where the project was at. There were some challenges that had not been anticipated particularly around doing work within existing budgets which had then in turn led to some delays however she was still confident going forward in terms of timescales. It was proposed to link the work with the CAT research and community groups and to have a one-stop-shop access point. Research was ongoing and the Women's Centre proposed to tap into some of the work and make use of some of the findings – what would the one-stop-shop look like and how to service design for localities. The deadline for the work was the end of June and a further update would be provided to the next meeting.

Currently there was one physical point in Forfar and a further launch of the one-stop shop in Brechin, Carnoustie and Arbroath would be completed by the end of the year. Thereafter a further three points by the end of 2023.

MA welcomed the Report and indicated that further discussions may be required with the Task and Finish Group in terms of concerns regarding doing the work within existing budgets and the net impact going forward. He also indicated he was pleased to see how the project had progressed and was excited to receive further updates.

ARB finished by indicating that key learning was very important and could be considered by the Short Life Working Group in terms of language, culture and finance. It was noted that Angus does more cross-sector work than any other local authority.

MW thanks ARB for the update and indicated that the work going into the redesign with partners was excellent.

## **10. PERIOD POVERTY ACT**

SH reminded the Partnership that Angus were the first local authority or Community Planning Partnership in Scotland to take this on collectively. One of the statutory duties that Angus had as part of the Period Products Act was to create a statement of intent and a significant consultation exercise on the statement had been undertaken between November – February. Committee approval would be required however she indicated that it was proposed to have agreement from the Partnership in terms of the content of the Statement of Intent prior to submission to Committee in June.

SH provided an overview of the survey work, the work with the college and advised that a group of performing arts students were creating an education resource that could be used in schools and communities around menstrual health and wellbeing. Further work was being done in terms of how to support the project and make it sustainable after the three year funding had ended.

## **11. TRANSFORMING SERVICES**

PM provided a verbal update and indicated that two working groups had been established – Recovery and Re-Engagement and Processes and provided an overview of the remit of each of the Groups. He indicated that Groups would look to make positive changes in the way we work, how to be leaner and more efficient and to work with partners locally where possible to deliver services.

Next steps would involve the continuation of the work of the groups and to reintroduce positive changes quicker. There was interest from outwith Angus as to what the Council were doing in terms of transforming services and how this was being developed.

HM provided some feedback in terms of the transforming services from a VAA perspective and indicated that some of the best work had been carried out during the pandemic, with the best possible outcomes and services being delivered to the people of Angus when they needed it the most and how to continue with the opportunities presented.

VS praised the important work being done collectively since 2018 with over £54m of funding being delivered through the new mode, with the outcome focussed worked underpinning so much of the effective partnership working being carried out in Angus.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service indicated a desire to see how they could become involved and potentially how to procure joint services given the budget pressures.

Finally, it was noted that a further a more comprehensive update would be available in six months.

## **12. AOB**

### **CLD Plan**

Tricia Ryan provided an overview of the highlights of the six monthly progress update. There was a number of significant areas of progress but also a number of actions that required some further work over the next 3-6 months. The priorities identified for year 1 showed that the tasks were contributing to the broader outcomes. Some further work would be undertaken in terms of broader community engagement – informing place based planning and local needs with VAA. The National Adult Learning Strategy would be launched in May and the National Youthwork Strategy which had been delayed would form part of the Plan in years 2 and 3.

AM advised that consultation would be undertaken through the summer on the place based strategy to see what partners and communities could bring. It was also proposed to engage with local businesses.

### **Dundee Drugs Commission**

MA sought further discussion in terms of the recommendations of the Report and it was noted that this was an item for the next agenda.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Network**

KR advised that it was Mental Health Awareness Week 9-15 May and that information on the schedule of events would be shared and promoted.

## **13. PAPERS FOR NOTING – Various Authors**

The following documents were circulated for noting:-

Community, Learning and Development Plan 6 Month Update  
Employability Partnership Minute  
CPP Risk Register  
Angus Living Life Well Improvement Plan – Appendix 1  
Angus Suicide Prevention Action Plan – Appendix 2  
Forward Plan

**14. DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

13 July 2022	10am – 12 noon
6 October 2022	10am – 12 noon