

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2023

REPORTS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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ABSTRACT

This report advises members of reports submitted to other Angus Council committees, the Council, Tayside Contracts and to the IJB that are relevant to the work of the Scrutiny and Audit committee.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Reviews the reports listed at Appendix 1; and
- (ii) Determines whether any of the reports should be the subject of a more detailed discussion by this committee

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL PLANS

The work of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee supports the achievement of the corporate priorities set out in Community and Council Plans. This report provides information for scrutiny, in line with the remit of the committee.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Report [365/18](#) to this committee on 20 November 2018 set out the intention to submit regular summaries of reports submitted to other committees which are relevant to the work of this committee. Appendix 1 lists reports from the period 12 May 2023 to 19 October 2023.
- 3.2 This was last reported to this committee in June 2023 covering the period 28 January 2023 to 11 May 2023. Report [174/23](#) refers.

4. PROPOSALS

Members are asked to review the reports listed at Appendix 1 and to determine whether any further action is required by this committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required, as this report does not impact on people.

NOTE: Background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report are: Report 365/18

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COMMITTEE REPORTS 12 May 2023 to 19 October 2023

Table 1: Reports submitted to Council and Council committees

Report No.	Council/Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R241/23	Angus Council 7 Sept. 2023	<p>Long Term Financial Planning Framework (LTPF)</p> <p>This report presents a long term financial planning framework for the Council to adopt and use to aid future service and financial planning. The Framework is intended to complement existing service and financial planning arrangements such as the annual preparation of a Medium Term Budget Strategy and the annual Review of the Long Term Affordability of the Council's Capital Budget Plans. The Framework is the first such long term financial planning tool prepared for the Council and also includes the Council's first detailed financial resilience assessment.</p>	3
R242/23	Angus Council 7 Sept. 2023	<p>2024/25 Budget Communication and Engagement Plan</p> <p>This report advises members of a plan for communication and engagement as part of the Council's 2024/25 planning and budget setting process. The report seeks approval of the proposed plan. It is proposed that implementation of the plan be monitored through the Policy & Budget Strategy Group (PBSG).</p>	1
R244/23	Angus Council 7 Sept. 2023	<p>Corporate Leadership Team and Directorate Redesign</p> <p>This report provides an update on changes being made to the Corporate Leadership Team and Directorate structures as a result of the retirement of the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform. Savings being made to contribute to the target within the Change Plan are also indicated.</p>	1
R189/23	Angus Council 22 June 2023	<p>2022/23 Financial Outturn and Draft Accounts Update</p> <p>This report provides details of the unaudited financial outturn position on both a revenue and capital basis for 2022/23 for Angus Council and an update regarding preparation of the 2022/23 Annual Accounts.</p>	1
R193/23	Angus Council 22 June 2023	<p>Protocol on Hybrid Meetings</p> <p>This report seeks approval of a protocol for hybrid meetings to assist with the smooth and effective running of such meetings.</p>	1

Report No.	Council/Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R256/23	Children & Learning 19 Sept. 2023	Angus Education Report 2022-23 and Update of Angus Education Plan 2022-27 The Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000, as amended, introduced new planning and reporting duties on Education Authorities. This report presents Angus Council's Education Report for session 2022 to 2023 and an update to the Angus Education Plan (AEP) 2022 to 2027. A copy of the updated 2022 to 2027 AEP, if approved, will be sent to Scottish Ministers in line with statutory requirements.	6
R157/23	Children & Learning 1 June 2023	Angus Adoption Agency and Fostering Panel Annual Report 2022-23 This report informs members of the Angus Adoption Agency and Fostering Panel annual report for 2022-23. The report provides an overview of Angus Council's ability to provide an effective service for children, foster carers, kinship carers and adoptive parents and notes demand on resources as well as the range of services provided. A copy of the annual report is appended.	6
R259/23	Communities 26 Sept. 2023	Housing Services Performance Update – Annual Assurance Statement This report gives an update on the Council's performance in relation to housing services, what action is being taken to improve performance, and provides information to support members to agree the annual assurance statement required by the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR).	3, 6
R149/23	Communities 23 May 2023	Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 This report seeks approval to submit the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2023-28 to the Scottish Government peer review process.	1
R226/23	Policy & Resources 29 August 2023	2023/24 Final Capital Budget – General Fund This report presents to members the updated 2022/2027 General Fund Capital Plan, incorporating the 2023/24 capital monitoring budget.	3
R227/23	Policy & Resources 29 August 2023	2023/24 Final Revenue Budget Documents This report asks the Committee to approve the publication of the 2023/24 Final Revenue Budget Volume on the Council's website.	3
R229/23	Policy & Resources 29 August 2023	Approval of an Anti-Tax Evasion Policy This report presents and seeks approval for an Anti-Tax Evasion Policy for the Council in compliance with best practice.	1, 17

Report No.	Council/Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
R231/23	Policy & Resources 29 August 2023	<p>ANGUSalive – Update on Key Issues</p> <p>This report provides an update in relation to the Change Requests that ANGUSalive have submitted for consideration in respect of the properties and services they aim to cease operating in order to deliver the Change Programme savings targets agreed by the Council at the budget setting meeting on 2 March 2023. It seeks approval for feasibility studies to be undertaken and reported back to Committee in order for decisions to be taken regarding the future of these buildings and the services provided there. The report also seeks procurement authority in relation to proposed investment in ANGUSalive's facility development programme.</p>	7
R163/23	Policy & Resources 6 June 2023	<p>Angus Community Plan 2022-2030</p> <p>This report presents an amended Angus Community Planning Partnership Plan for the period 2022 to 2030 for approval following a decision to amend the governance structure of the partnership by the Angus Community Planning Board on 15th February 2023.</p>	3

Table 2: Reports submitted to Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit Committee and Tayside Contracts Joint Committee. Angus Alive reports are not included here as their meetings are not held in public.

Committee	Report Title / Summary	S&A remit (see below)
IJB Audit Committee 23 August 2023	<p>Agenda and reports are available at https://www.angus.gov.uk/angus health and social care integration joint board 21 june 2023</p> <p>This includes the minute from the Audit Committee meeting on 26 April 2023. Other reports of interest:</p> <p>Report IJB 34/23 - Finance Report – 2022/23 Report IJB 38/23 - Clinical Care and Professional Governance Annual Report Report IJB 39/23 – Annual Performance Dashboard</p>	7
IJB Audit Committee 21 June 2023	<p>Agenda and reports are available at https://www.angus.gov.uk/angus health and social care integration joint board 23 august 2023</p> <p>This includes the Chair’s Assurance Report, Audit Committee June 2023. Other reports of interest:</p> <p>Report IJB 54/23 - Angus IJB Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23 Report IJB 55/23 - Finance Report Report IJB 57/23 - Angus IJB Strategic Financial Plan</p>	7
Tayside Contracts Joint Committee 18 Aug. 2023	<p>Agenda and reports are available at : https://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/tc-document?dsid=2136&frm=728</p> <p>Including the minute of the meeting on 19 June 2023.</p>	7
Tayside Contracts Joint Committee 9 June 2023	<p>Agenda and reports are available at : https://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/tc-document?dsid=2118&frm=728</p> <p>Including the minute of the meeting on 13 March 2023.</p> <p>Reports of particular interest: JC10/2023 Annual Report & Accounts JC12/2023 Internal Audit: Outcomes from Reviews 2022/23, and Future Workplans JC14/2023 Business Plan – Update JC15/2023 Local Code of Corporate Governance JC16/2023 Request to Establish a Scrutiny/Performance/Audit Sub-Committee</p>	7

Extract from Scrutiny and Audit committee remit

- (1) To review all aspects of the Council's corporate governance arrangements against the CIPFA Delivering Good Governance Framework and to consider the Council's local code of corporate governance.
- (3) To consider the council's framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the council.
- (6) To review the performance and effectiveness of the standard and level of service provided by council services.
- (7) To review the governance and assurance arrangements for significant partnerships or collaborations including IJB, ANGUSalive, and Tayside Contracts.
- (17) To review the assessment of fraud risks and potential harm to the Council from fraud and corruption.