

ANGUS COUNCIL

FAMILY, EDUCATION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN AND COUNTY HALL, FORFAR
ON TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 2.00 PM

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY**

Members are reminded that, in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct, it is their responsibility to make decisions about whether to declare an interest in any item on this agenda and whether to take part in any discussions or voting. Completed Declaration of Interest pro formas should be forwarded to Democratic Services.

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3. **MINUTES**

(a) **Previous Meeting**

Submit, for approval as a correct record, the minute of meeting of this Committee of 9 January 2024.

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(b) **Staffing Sub-Committee**

Submit, for noting, the minute of meeting of the Staffing Sub-Committee of 9 January 2024.

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4. **MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 24(1)**

Recognition of Volunteers in Angus Area Support Team

Councillor Meechan has submitted the following motion:

As part of Children's Hearing Reform, the model of support to Children's Hearing is changing. This means a move away from Area Support Teams who have been responsible for the coordination and delivery of Children's Hearings across the country and here in Angus. The Area Support Teams have been staffed by volunteers in local communities and without these volunteers, it would not have been possible to run such effective and efficient Panels to make decisions about children who are in need.

This Committee recognises the significant role our local volunteers have played in delivering this critical service. Some of these volunteers worked many hours and stepped up during covid to ensure that services to vulnerable children continued. Volunteer roles will still be critical to the effective functioning of Children's Hearings and we are grateful for the continued commitment. For those roles that will come to an end at the end of February 2024, we are grateful for their service.

I therefore ask that the Family, Education and Justice Committee, on behalf of Angus Council:-

- (i) acknowledge the dedication of volunteers who have served on the Area Support Team covering Angus; those who will end their tenure soon, those who remain and those who have already left we recognise their significant contribution to the operation of Children's Hearings and decision making for vulnerable children and young people;
- (ii) requests the Chief Executive to write to the volunteers who will conclude their work at the end of February 2024 to express thanks for their service; and

(iii) requests the Chief Executive to write to the volunteers who continue their service under the new model to thank them for their continued support.

5. ANGUS ADVOCACY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2023-2026

Submit Report No 42/24 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. **(8 – 54)**

6. TAYSIDE BAIRNS' HOOSE PATHFINDER PROGRAMME

Submit Report No 43/24 by the Interim Director of Children, Families and Justice. **(55 – 61)**

7. REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS, AND ADOPTERS, AND ANNUAL FEE UPLIFT FOR FOSTER CARERS

Submit Report No 44/24 by the Interim Director of Children, Families and Justice. **(62 - 68)**