

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 16 August 2007 at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillors RUTH LESLIE MELVILLE MBE, ALISON ANDREWS, COLIN BROWN, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAN MACKINTOSH, DAVID MAY, BILL MIDDLETON, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, ROB MURRAY, HELEN OSWALD, RALPH PALMER, MARGARET THOMSON, PAUL VALENTINE and JOHN WHYTE.

Councillor LESLIE MELVILLE MBE, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 June 2007](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 30 May 2006, there was submitted [Report No 672/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health advising the Committee of the publication of the Public Information Annual Report which gave details of the progress made in the areas of public information and made recommendations for the continued improvement of this service. A copy of the Annual Report, which highlighted the Social Work and Health Department's continued commitment to producing clear, accurate and accessible information about its services, was appended to the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the future recommendations in the Public Information Annual Report; and
- (iii) to congratulate Susan Smillie, Information/Communications Officer, for her excellent work in producing the Report.

5. ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007

There was submitted [Joint Report No 673/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health, the Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Executive informing the Committee of the establishment and composition of the Angus Adult Protection Committee and presenting the Angus Adult Protection Committee Annual Report for 2006/2007.

The Report indicated that the Angus Adult Protection Committee had been established in July 2006 in response to the new Adult Support and Protection Legislation and the Annual Report, which had been circulated to all members of the Social Work and Health Committee, was the first one produced.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed to note the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee Annual Report 2006/2007.

6. ANGUS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 15 August 2006, there was submitted [Joint Report No 674/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health, the Director of Education, the Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Executive presenting the Angus Child Protection Committee Annual Report for 2006/2007.

The Report indicated that the Angus Child Protection Committee had been formed at local government re-organisation and the Annual Report, which had been circulated to all members of the Social Work and Health Committee, was the eleventh one produced. The Annual Report would be distributed to all agencies represented on the Committee, to the Scottish Executive and to other Child Protection Committees.

The Committee, for its interest, agreed to note the contents of the Angus Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2006/2007.

7. PATIENTS READY FOR DISCHARGE IN NHS SCOTLAND - POSITION RELATING TO ANGUS COUNCIL

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 15 August 2006, there was submitted [Report No 675/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health advising members of the recent changes to the reporting of information in relation to the service users awaiting discharge from hospital, giving details of how partnerships were expected to collect information and how the data would be verified and presented by the Information Statistics Division.

Attached to the Report was an Appendix which showed the position in Angus for each of the ISD Scotland quarterly Census returns for the period April 2004 to April 2007. This highlighted continuous improvement in relation to the number of patients with an Angus Council involvement who were ready for discharge over the six week planning period. It also demonstrated that Angus had continued to meet or exceed the target agreed by the Tayside Partnership.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to recognise the hard work of all officers involved in achieving the continuous improvement.

8. UPDATE ON FEES FOR INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOMES 2007/2008

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 June 2007, there was submitted [Report No 676/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health providing an update on progress with the implementation of fee rates to be paid for placements in independent sector care homes for older people and people with learning disabilities and proposing rates for independent sector specific rates and premium payments, payment of which to be backdated to 9 April 2007.

The Report indicated that confirmation had now been received from twenty six of the twenty seven independent sector care homes for older people in Angus that they had accepted the conditions of the national payment quality model and supporting documents submitted by these homes were now being assessed. One home had advised that they did not wish to participate in the quality award scheme.

Confirmation had also been received from one of the three independent sector care homes for people with learning disabilities in Angus that they had accepted the same conditions as those contained in the national agreement with independent sector care homes for older people and supporting documents submitted by this home were now being assessed. Such confirmation was awaited from the other two homes in this category.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress with the implementation of fee rates to be paid for placements in independent sector care homes for older people and people with learning disabilities; and
- (ii) to approve the proposed independent sector specific rates and premium payments as detailed in the Report.

9. REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SAFETY 2006/2007

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 30 May 2006, there was submitted [Report No 677/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health advising the Committee of the health and safety related activity undertaken within the Social Work and Health Department during 2006/2007 and outlining areas which would be addressed in 2007/2008.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the areas, as detailed in the Report, to be addressed during 2007/2008.

10. PROVISION OF HIGH DEPENDENCY RESPITE CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 27 February 2007, there was submitted [Report No 678/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health advising the Committee of the tenders received for the provision of high dependency respite care for older people and recommending the contract be awarded to Southern Cross (Cairnie Lodge) Forfar Road, Arbroath.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the awarding of the contract for the provision of high dependency respite care to Southern Cross (Cairnie Lodge) Forfar Road, Arbroath.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item, so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraph 3.

12. NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF A LOOKED AFTER CHILD

There was submitted [Report No 679/07](#) by the Director of Social Work and Health informing the Committee, as required by the Scottish Executive and departmental instructions, of the death of a Looked After Child.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report, with sadness.