

ANGUS COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2001/2002

REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This report introduces the Angus Council Annual Report & Accounts for 2001/2002.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:-

- (i) welcome the content of Angus Council's Annual Report & Accounts 2001/2002, enclosed with this report;
- (ii) note the action taken to comply with Public Performance Reporting arrangements; and
- (iii) note the design element of the Report and Accounts was undertaken on an in-house basis.

2. INTRODUCTION

Each year Angus Council produces an Annual Report & Accounts and Performance Supplement. The Annual Report & Accounts and Supplement for 2001/2002 are enclosed with this report.

3. CONSIDERATION

Audit Scotland has introduced new requirements for Public Performance Reporting through their Performance Management and Planning regime and the Annual Report & Accounts go some way to addressing these requirements.

The report contains an introductory section, a corporate planning section, highlighting progress against each of the actions outlined in Angus Council's Corporate Plan, and a service section outlining the aims, achievements and ambitions of the service, together with a cost profile.

The audited accounts for the year are included in the Annual Report and Accounts as Statements 1 to 15 shown on pages 44 to 77. A new statement of Assurance of Corporate Governance has been incorporated in the accounts this year, demonstrating the Council's commitment to ensuring that business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards are met. Members will wish to note that they have been audited by the Council's External Auditors. In this connection, there is a separate report presenting the Chief Auditor's Report to Members on the 2001/2002 Accounts.

The Performance Supplement for 2001/2002 sets out the Statutory Performance Indicators and reports on progress in comparison with neighbouring councils and the Scottish average, where this information is available. The Performance Supplement also details some local performance information and represents significant progress towards achieving our requirements in relation to Public Performance Reporting. To make the performance information more readily available, a performance leaflet has also been prepared.

It is thought that the style and design of the report for 2001/2002 is of a highly professional nature and achieves an overall cost saving to the Council in the production of the report with the design element being undertaken on an in-house basis.

The report and performance supplement are also available on the Council's intranet site. Additionally this year, feedback forms have been included in the main report, performance supplement and website.

Members may also wish to note that the Annual Report & Accounts 2001/2002 and the Performance Supplement 2001/2002 has been printed using recycled paper.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of producing the Annual Report & Accounts, performance supplement, website and leaflet is £20,853.

This can be contained in the Miscellaneous Other Services Revenue (Corporate Initiatives) budget.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

There are no direct human rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

All Chief Officers have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The Angus Council Annual Report & Accounts with Performance Supplement has been prepared in a timely manner and produced to a high standard.

A B Watson
Chief Executive

Note: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this paper.