

**ANGUS COUNCIL**  
**ANGUS COUNCIL - 4 JULY 2002**  
**REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**  
**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION**

**ABSTRACT**

This Report seeks approval of the revised and updated Standing Orders, which reflect the approved policies of the Council and legislative changes.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:-

- (i) notes the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) approves the updated Standing Orders, as appended to the Report.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

The Council's Standing Orders are a key component of how the Council conducts its business at a political level and at officer level. The Standing Orders of the Council have been in place since the inception of Angus Council and the opportunity has been taken as one of the main priority service areas for the Law and Administration Department to undertake a complete review of Standing Orders in the light of the recommendations of the Political Structures Member/Officer Group guidance on corporate governance and other factors such as the introduction of human rights legislation.

The Review also gave the opportunity for Chief Officers to highlight any legislative changes which impacted, in particular, on the Scheme of Delegation. As part of the Review it is also proposed that the format of Standing Orders and related documents be changed to mirror the format that is used for the Council's Financial Regulations, (ie, loose-leaf form). A copy will also be available on the Council's Intranet.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this Report.

**4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications arising directly from this Report.

**5. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive and the Director of Finance have been consulted on the terms of this Report.

All Chief Officers have been consulted on the terms of Standing Orders.

**6. CONCLUSION**

The ongoing review process in respect of Standing Orders has resulted in an update which reflects both the policies of Angus Council relevant to legal requirements and the recent departmental changes within the Council.

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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 preparation of this report.