

ANGUS COUNCIL

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE
FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**23 JANUARY 2003
28 JANUARY 2003**

SUBJECT: MODERNISING GOVERNMENT FUND (MGF2)

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

<p>Abstract: This report advises the Committee of the award of MGF2 funding from the Scottish Executive.</p>

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

1. note the award of £172,500 to Angus Council from the Modernising Government Fund (MGF2) under the Land and Property database programme;
2. note that update reports will be submitted to the Committee as the project progresses.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Angus Council is part of the Local Authority led public sector partnership to deliver a standardised land and property database, reducing multiple records and helping to improve land and property management across Scotland.
- 2.2 Local Authorities create and maintain a wealth of data about addresses, land and property and the majority of this data is central to the core business of Local Authorities. However, much of this information is held in different services and often duplicated many times across an organisation. The proposal is to integrate the data for use both within the Council and for frontline service delivery by the establishment of a single address information point that adheres to common and agreed standards.
- 2.3 The MGF2 award is for resources to create Corporate Address Gazetteers within each Local Authority, to join them up to create a National Master Address Database for Scotland, and then to use this information on identified needs and priorities resulting in improved services to the citizen.

3 PROJECT

- 3.1 The core of the project is the creation of a Corporate Address Gazetteer. As part of the public sector partnership Angus will gain from the joint working and experience of other Councils and Regional Assessors who are part of the consortium.
- 3.2 The project however will cover not only the initial creation of the Gazetteer but also its ongoing maintenance and establish management procedures and responsibilities with resource identification to ensure the information is maintained and disseminated.

Angus will also be actively involved in two additional themes, Back Office System Integration and the Planning Portal. As part of the consortium Angus will also gain experience from developments in Linking the Corporate Gazetteer-based Information Theme.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The total cost for Angus Council for this part of the project is £230,000 with £172,500 (75%) being met from MGF2 funding. The Angus Council element of £57,500 will be contained within the Planning & Transport Departments Revenue Budget for the current and future financial years.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law & Administration and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no human rights issues arising directly from this report.

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 the above Report.

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