

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2002

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT & PLANNING AUDITS 2001/2002

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report summarises the findings from the report prepared by Audit Scotland on Angus Council's Performance Management & Planning (PMP) arrangements for 2001/2002.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- i) note the content of the reports. (Copies are available in the Member's Lounge),
- ii) instruct the Chief Executive to ensure that the Improvement Agendas are implemented,
- iii) and invite the auditor to discuss the outcome of his audits with Angus Council's Monitoring Group.

2. INTRODUCTION

Audit Scotland undertook three Performance Management and Planning Audits in 2001/2002 as follows:-

- Chief Executive's
- Law & Administration
- Trading Standards (to be signed off late summer)

They also revisited the improvement action plans for the PMPI audits for Roads, Planning & Transport, and Environmental & Consumer Protection departments and the PMPII Corporate Audit, and those for Social Work, Housing and Property departments.

3. FINDINGS FROM THE AUDIT PROCESS

The PMP Audit is undertaken by external auditors and has three main objectives:-

- To provide independent, external assurance that the Council is making progress on implementing the Performance Management & Planning Framework.
- To help identify good practice and areas of concern.
- To ensure that the Council, and its services are planning for improvement.

Officers of the Council have been involved in considerable work in preparing the Council's submission for audit purposes. Copies of the final reports are available in the Members' Lounge.

Officers have been advised that the submission made on behalf of Angus Council is seen by those involved in the external audit process, as excellent, with only marginal improvements required, as identified by the participating departments.

Elected Members are asked to note that within the PMPII Audit Report, there is a section outlining suggested improvements. Members are invited to instruct the Chief Executive to put in place the necessary arrangements to facilitate the implementation of the actions required in the Improvement Agenda. Copies of the PMPIII templates for both the Chief Executive's Department, Appendix 1, and Law & Administration Department, Appendix 2, are appended to this report for information.

It is suggested that the Auditor be invited to share his views on the outcome of the PMP Audits with Angus Council's Monitoring Group.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Directors of Finance, Law & Administration, Housing, Property Services, Roads, Environmental & Consumer Protection, Planning & Transport and Social Work have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The Performance Management & Planning Audit arrangements established by Angus Council are considered, on the whole, to be sound. However, with an emphasis on continuous improvement it will be essential to deliver on the improvement actions outlined in the report. The Angus Council 2001/02 Audit Performance Management & Planning Corporate Overview Report is available in the Members' Lounge.

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.