

**ANGUS COUNCIL****SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE .....7th October 1997****JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1997-2000****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK****ABSTRACT**

This report advises Committee of the completion of the final draft of the Angus Joint Community Care Plan 1997-2000. A copy of the final draft is appended for approval.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:

- I) Notes the final draft of the Joint Community Care Plan and approves its contents to enable printing of the Plan.
- II) Instructs the Director of Social Work to submit the final plan to the Scottish Office.
- III) Refers the final draft plan to the Housing Committee and Education Committee for information.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

Local authorities are required to prepare a Community Care Plan covering three year periods for submission to the Scottish Office. The National Health Service and Community Care Act (1990) introduced a new legal framework for community care and gave the local authority the lead responsibility for planning and co-ordinating the delivery of community care services.

The preparation of a Community Care Plan is a legislative requirement, however it provides an opportunity to set out the proposals to further develop community care services in our area. The final draft plan which accompanies this report takes into account the Scottish Office guidance on Community Care plans and in particular focuses on care group needs and the key objectives and actions planned in terms of meeting these needs.

This three year plan in particular focuses on the proposals to develop Community Resource Centres across Angus and outlines the work which has been developed to take forward the Mental Health Strategy in Angus.

The final draft is a joint plan with Tayside Health, however its completion is the result of a considerable amount of work by many individuals, groups and organisations. It is a plan prepared jointly with our planning partners from the voluntary, private and statutory sectors and takes into account the views of users of services and their carers.

It is a requirement that Community Care Plans are reviewed on an annual basis and work will start immediately to formally review the plan.

Members are asked to note the contents of the plan and particularly the specific achievements which have been made and the proposals for the future development of community care services which are outlined in the plan.

It should be noted that, whilst there are a significant number of proposals to further develop services these can only be progressed with the necessary finances and therefore, developments may be restricted due to the severe financial constraints being placed on local authorities at the present time.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **4 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Housing and the Director of Education have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **5 CONCLUSION**

This report presents the final draft of the Joint Community Care Plan 1997-2000 and seeks the approval of members for the plan to be printed and submitted to the Scottish Office.

19th September 1997

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### **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 report.

