

## ANGUS COUNCIL

### POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 MAY 1998

#### PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - REPORTS ON SCOTTISH AUTHORITIES

##### Report by Chief Executive

###### **ABSTRACT**

This report details the publication by the Accounts Commission of the Performance Indicators for the financial year 1996/97.

###### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee should note the terms of the report and the publication of performance indicators for 1996/97.

###### **2. BACKGROUND**

Members will be aware that under the Local Government Act 1992, the Accounts Commission issues an annual direction to local authorities to publish information relating to their activities in any financial year.

This information is to "facilitate the making of appropriate comparisons (by reference to the criteria of cost, economy, efficiency and effectiveness) between:

- (a) the standards of performance achieved by different authorities in that financial year; and
- (b) the standards of performance achieved by such bodies in different financial years."

The Accounts Commission has now collected the performance indicators published by the 32 local authorities for the financial year 1996/97 (the first year of operation of Scotland's new unitary authorities). The publication of general information on the performance of all authorities is now being undertaken. 56 performance indicators apply to all local authorities whilst others are applied to the Police and Fire Services.

### **3. DISTRIBUTION**

The reports are being distributed widely and will be made available to the public through libraries etc.

This year separate reports are being published about specific services. For instance, reports have just been published on Social Work and Fire and Police Services.

A report on all services by all authorities is being published on 8 May and the details will also be made available on disk. Other reports will be made available separately on other services.

Where a specific report is published, copies of the report will be made available to the Convener and Vice-Convener of the committee concerned and copies will also be made available in the Members' Lounge.

If, however, a Member wishes to have a copy of a specific report, then a request should be made to the Chief Executive's Department.

In addition to general distribution of the reports, it is intended in this Authority that some of the performance information relating to similar and neighbouring authorities should be used for comparison purposes in the Annual Report and Accounts for 1997/98. This, it is suggested, will be in line with the ethos of Best Value.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

All departments involved in the collection or collation of performance indicators have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

### **5. FINANCE**

There are no financial implications.

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Chief Executive  
April 1998

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

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