

ANGUS COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2001
FUTURE MEMBER/OFFICER GROUPS

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report recommends to Elected Members that up to, and including, the end of the life of this Council, Member/Officer Groups should be formed on the basis of the themes set out in the recently agreed Corporate Plan.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:

- a) Agree to establish Member/Officer Groups under each of the themes set out in the recently agreed Corporate Plan.
- b) Identify 6 Elected Members to serve on each of the groups.

2. INTRODUCTION

Angus Council has, since its inception, used Member/Officer Groups as an appropriate fora to develop policy. Both Elected Members and Officers have found these to be particularly useful in terms of developing strategies for the future.

The following themes have been identified within the Council's recently agreed Corporate Plan, and it is suggested that the Council now establish Member/Officer Groups around each of these themes:

- a) To lead the community planning process in Angus.
- b) To be a Best Value local authority service provider. (Member/Officer Group already in existence).
- c) To improve economic prosperity and promote lifelong learning
- d) To promote healthy, caring and safe communities, and
- e) To improve the environment and quality of life in Angus.

It is suggested that the remit of these Member/Officer Groups might be as follows:-

- a) To ensure that there is full ownership of the elements of the Corporate Plan by both Chief Officers and Elected Members.
- b) To ensure a continuing corporate culture of embracing change and improvement.
- c) To be responsible for agreeing a series of strategies and action plans.
- d) To make specific recommendations to the Council on policy matters related to their area of work.

Elected Members are asked to note that a number of other Member/Officer Groups are already in existence.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

All Chief Officers have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

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.