

**ANGUS COUNCIL**  
**Policy & Resources Committee**

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**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT & PLANNING AUDITS 2000/2001**

**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 2000/2001.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- note the content of this report (A copy is available in the Member's Lounge);
- instruct the Chief Executive to implement the Improvement Action Plan.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

Audit Scotland undertook a number of Performance Management and Planning Audits in 2000/2001 as follows:-

- corporate level audit;
- Social Work audit;
- Housing audit;
- Property audit.

They also revisited the improvement action plans outlined by Roads, Planning & Transport, and Environmental & Consumer Protection departments from the PMP Audit undertaken in 1999/2000.

**3. CORPORATE OVERVIEW REPORT**

The corporate level audit considered four main Performance Management and Planning criteria and the rating Angus Council has been given in relation to these as follows:-

CRITERION	RATING
• Clear leadership for a Best Value approach is provided by elected members, the Chief Executive and the senior management team.	1
• We have an effective corporate framework for planning and budgeting.	1
• We manage our Best Value reviews effectively.	1
• We have an effective approach to public performance reporting.	2
<b>Key:</b>	
1: In general, sound approaches are largely in place in line with Best Value expectations.	
2: In general, many elements of a sound approach in place, but with scope for some improvements.	
3: In general, a significant level of improvement is required and this is adequately recognised in the improvement actions.	
4: In general, a significant level of improvement is required, and this is not adequately recognised in the improvement actions.	

Clearly, Angus Council are considered to have sound approaches which are largely in line with Best Value expectations, however, we need to improve our approach to Public Performance Reporting.

The report goes on to identify specifically areas of good practice. It is anticipated that Audit Scotland will wish to share these good practices across Scotland.

Also, areas with scope for improvement are highlighted, many of which are already in hand.

The report mentions that the key issues arising from all service level PMP audits were the need to development management information systems to support departmental balanced scorecards and the development of Public Performance Reporting arrangements. It is recognised that these issues are reflected in the corporate PMP improvement action plan.

The findings from the follow-up PMP Audits in Roads, Planning & Transport and Environmental & Consumer Protection departments relate to the improvement actions previously agreed, have been either implemented or plans have been put in place to recover any slippage on meeting implementation timescales.

#### **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 2000/01 Audit Performance Management & Planning corporate overview report is available in the members lounge.

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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.