

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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ANGUS ALCOHOL ACTION PLAN

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH LIAISON

ABSTRACT

This report presents to Committee the Angus Alcohol Action Plan. Whilst the Action Plan was submitted to the Scottish Executive in a template format in April 2003, a more user friendly version of the Plan has been produced. [A copy of the user friendly Plan is attached to this report.](#)

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

- i. notes the preparation of the Angus Alcohol Action Plan;
- ii. instructs the Director of Social Work and Health Liaison to bring a report to Committee once Scottish Executive resources have been identified to implement the Alcohol Action Plan.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Scottish Executive produced the National Plan for Action on Alcohol Problems in February 2002. Thereafter there was a requirement for each Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) to draw up and publish a local strategy covering three years, and then implement it.

The Angus Alcohol Action Plan was prepared during the course of 2002 and early 2003 and submitted to the Scottish Executive on 1st April 2003.

The Scottish Executive presented a template for completion of the Plan. It was the view of the DAAT that a more user friendly version of the Angus Plan was required for 'public consumption'. A copy of the user friendly plan is attached to this committee report.

The Angus Alcohol Action Plan

Members will note that the Angus Alcohol Action Plan addresses the issues of:

- Culture Change
- The Provision of Services
- Protection and Controls
- Prevention and Education

The user friendly plan also briefly considers the extent, nature and cost of alcohol problems in Angus and also sets out the resources available to the DAAT to implement the Plan.

It should also be noted that the proposals set out in the submission to the Scottish Executive highlight the need for approximately an additional £900,000 to develop alcohol services and address alcohol problems in Angus.

Whilst the DAAT has received a positive response from the Scottish Executive, to date there has been no indication of the level of resources which will be allocated to Angus.

Once the Scottish Executive announces its allocation of resources for the implementation of local action plans a further report will be presented to Committee. In the meantime a number of elements of the Plan which do not require additional resource will be taken forward by the DAAT.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications at this time arising from this report.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

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

6 CONCLUSION

This report advises members of the Social Work and Health Committee of the preparation of the Angus Alcohol Action Plan and notes that a further report will be prepared when resources are released by the Scottish Executive to enable a number of the Plans proposals to be taken forward.

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Director of Social Work and Health Liaison

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 the above report.