

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE.....20 NOVEMBER 2003
HOUSING COMMITTEE.....20 NOVEMBER 2003

JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2003 - 2006

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH LIAISON AND
THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

ABSTRACT

This report seeks the approval of elected members to publish the Joint Community Care Plan 2003 – 2006. A final draft report of the plan is appended to this report for approval.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- i) note that the draft Community Care Plan has been the subject of extensive consultation;
- ii) approve the Joint Community Care Plan 2003 – 2006 for publication;
- iii) authorise the Director of Social Work and Health Liaison and the Director of Housing to proceed with printing of the Joint Community Care Plan and to distribute the plan to interested parties including the Scottish Executive.

2 FINAL DRAFT OF THE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

The National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 requires local authorities and their health partners to produce 3 yearly community care plans setting out how community care services will be provided and developed in their area. This is the second full Joint Community Care Plan for Angus. It presents the vision of how community care services will develop locally over the next three years. The draft plan, produced by Angus Council Social Work, Angus Council Housing, NHS Tayside, Tayside Primary Care Trust, Angus Local Health Care Co-operative and Communities Scotland in partnership with a range of independent organisations and service users and carers, was subject to an extensive consultation exercise during September. Elected members are referred to report no 851/03 presented to the last Social Work and Health Committee that sought approval to consult on the draft plan. The final draft Joint Community Care Plan 2003 – 2006 is appended to this report for approval.

Community care services play a crucial role in helping vulnerable people in Angus to have good quality lives in their own homes and communities. They provide support to people affected by problems of ageing, illness, disability or drugs and alcohol and to carers who themselves give substantial care and support to relatives and friends in Angus. Community care services are delivered by a wide range of people working in health, social work and in voluntary organisations.

In Angus we aim to ensure that services:

- allow people to live as normal a life as possible at home or in a homely environment in the community;
- provide the right amount of care and support to help people live as independently as possible;
- give people a greater say in how they live their lives, and in how services are delivered and developed.

It should be noted that the plan has been produced at a time of rapid change in the way services for people with community care needs are to be provided. The challenge for the joint planning partners is to work towards the integration of services, to better meet people's needs. This plan provides a framework to meet this challenge and manage the changes that are required.

The plan gives an outline of the planning framework for community care services at a national and local level. It summarises the main national policy priorities and the local strategies that have a bearing on service provision. It also has individual care group sections, each of which sets out:

- the key policy issues affecting that particular care group;
- information about local needs;
- information about existing services;
- the main strategic objectives for 2003-06;
- the specific actions we will take forward this year.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights issues arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

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

6 CONCLUSIONS

The Joint Community Care Plan 2003 - 2006 sets out the approach to the joint planning and delivery of community care services to meet the needs of people who are vulnerable through frailty, illness, a physical or learning disability, or drugs and alcohol. The plan details how community care services in Angus will be developed over the next three years in line with national priorities, local policies and local needs. The plan sets out the range of priorities and intended actions. Delivering on these actions is crucial for people in Angus who need services. Progress on implementing the Joint Community Care Plan will therefore be closely monitored and reported through the annual review process.

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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 the above report.