

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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SOCIAL WORK SERVICE PLAN 2003 - 2007

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH LIAISON

ABSTRACT

This report recommends the approval of the service plan for the social work department for the years 2003 – 2007. A copy of the service plan is enclosed with the papers for Committee.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee approves the four year service plan (2003-2007) for the Social Work Department.

2 SOCIAL WORK SERVICE PLAN (2003-2007)

The service plan has been prepared in accordance with the council's revised service planning guidelines, which were introduced in 2003. Accordingly, it sets out the department's intentions for the four-year period to 2007, although it will be updated annually to reflect priorities and targets that emerge during each year. Annual updates to the plan will, therefore, be submitted to this Committee in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and these will contain a summary of progress in implementing the targets within the plan

Although the service plan is divided into priority service areas within the main divisions of care i.e. Children's Services, Criminal Justice Services, Community Care Services, Strategic Planning and Commissioning and Support Services, they are connected by overarching themes and a common value base.

The plan also has an expanded introductory section on this occasion. This sets out the context for social work services and provides a description of the full range of core social work functions.

Alongside the four-year objectives and one year development targets the introductory sections comprise a plan which it is felt will be a useful resource document for staff and elected members.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The service plan has been prepared in discussion with other departments of the council and many of the financial implications arising from specific targets are perceived to be achievable within existing resources, or have already been addressed in actual or projected revenue or capital budgets. Targets for action in future years have been noted and will be addressed through the budget preparation process at the appropriate time.

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 and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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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.