

ANGUS COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE
21 AUGUST 2003**

THE DRAFT JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2003- 2006

REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

<p>This report advises members of the Social Work and Health Committee of the issuing of the ABSTRACT Community Care Plan 2003 - 2006. Following consultation a copy of the final draft plan will be issued to members of the Social Work and Health Committee for any further comment and endorsement.</p>
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1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:

- I. approves the issuing of the draft Joint Community Care Plan 2003 – 2004 for consultation; and
- II. instructs the Acting Director of Social Work to submit a final draft to Committee at a future date for endorsement.

2 DRAFT JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2003 - 2006

Community Care is the broad term used to describe the input of services and support to people who are ill, frail or have disabilities to help maintain and improve their quality of life in the community.

The National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 gave local authorities the lead responsibility for co-ordinating the provision of community care services within their areas. The Act also requires local authorities to prepare a 3 yearly Community Care Plan. Instead of producing a full joint three-year plan with Tayside Health in 2002 the planning partners agreed that it was preferable to produce a one-year review and to produce a full three-year plan covering the period 2003 – 2006. The decision to produce another review, rather than a full three-year plan, was made due to the number of new national policy initiatives and developments which would shape the agenda for the next three year plan.

Whilst there remains a legislative requirement to produce a Joint Community Care Plan detailed planning for Community Care services is undertaken through a range of other plans, strategies and agreements including the Angus Local Partnership Agreement, the Alcohol Action Plan, the Drug Action Plan, the Partnership in Practice Agreement, and the Angus Mental Health Strategy. The Joint Community Care Plan represents a summary and pulling together of these other more detailed documents.

The Draft Joint Community Care Plan 2003 – 2006 outlines the major national initiatives and local policy priorities and on the basis of these, together with needs assessment and consultation, strategic objectives for the development of community care services for the range of care groups are set out. The plan also reflects the agreed Community Planning priorities. A range of specific objectives for the year 2003 – 2004 for each care group is also identified. Future reviews of the plan will concentrate on considering whether the strategic objectives remain and on progress made on the specific objectives.

Following consultation the final version of the plan will be brought to Committee in the future for endorsement.

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, the Director of Finance, the Director of Housing and the Director of Education 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.