

ANGUS COUNCIL

**Housing Committee – 26 February 2004
Social Work and Health – 22 April 2004**

**PRIMARY CARE PREMISES MODERNISATION PROGRAMME BID – PROVISION OF
INTEGRATED, MULTI-AGENCY AND SOCIAL WORK FACILITY IN LETHAM**

**JOINT REPORT by DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK
AND HEALTH LIAISON**

ABSTRACT

This report advises Members of a bid that has been submitted by the Angus Local Care Co-operative, in partnership with Angus Council, to provide a Community Health & Well-being facility in Letham.

1. RECOMMENDATION

Members of the Housing Committee are requested to:

- i) Homologate the decision taken by the Director of Housing in consultation with the Housing Convener to approve support of the bid under the Scottish Executive's Primary and Community Care Premises Modernisation Programme by the deadline of 30 January 2004.
- ii) Agree to, subject to a valuation being obtained, negotiations being undertaken with Tayside Health Board regarding disposing of an appropriate area of ground at Jubilee Court, Letham for the erection of the proposed extension. This will be subject to a further report to Committee in due course.

Members of the Social Work and Health Committee are requested to:

- i. Note the content of this report

2. BACKGROUND

Funding is to be made available under the Scottish Executive Health Department's Primary and Community Care Premises Modernisation Programme. Bids for funding for projects in Tayside required to be submitted to the Tayside Primary Care Trust no later than 30 January 2004.

Letham has a population of 2767 for the Letham & District Community Council area. It is the largest Angus settlement outwith the seven towns and continues to grow. It reflects national statistics in relation to demographics and health.

Currently a nurse provides district nursing, health visiting and other minor illness support from a small room at Jubilee Court, the Council's Sheltered Housing complex. From Jubilee Court the nurse runs regular tele-medicine clinics with local patients registered at Forfar practices. The nurse in question is a qualified nurse practitioner enabling her to prescribe a range of medication/treatment for patients.

However, for a number of years, many gaps in the service provision have been highlighted. Indeed the nurse's role has developed in the village as a result of the needs of the population.

There are no regular GP outreach services, there is no dispensing chemist in the village and there are inadequate facilities within Jubilee Court to safely develop additional services from across a range of agencies.

3. PROPOSED COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FACILITY

The overall aim of the project is to provide an integrated, multi-agency health and social work facility to the population of Letham, based upon identified needs and located in fit-for-purpose premises. The proposed extension to Jubilee Court would provide three consulting rooms, one purely for clinical and the remainder for multi-use, a waiting area/meeting room and a toilet with disabled access. All of the rooms would be equipped to meet the needs of the services being delivered within them. Once completed the facilities would be used to deliver:

- Treatment room care
- Minor illness management
- Health promotion activities, eg parent craft, smoking cessation, counselling etc
- Tele-medicine consultations with local surgeries
- A model pharmacy scheme would be implemented in partnership with local independent contractors, to provide a pharmacy advisory and dispensing facility in the village.
- Local Authority activity, primarily Social Work but across a range of Departments
- Potential for voluntary sector input and utilisation of the facilities
- Availability of the sought after meeting space for groups
- Local access and information office for available services.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Capital costs of the project which is estimated at £110,000 would be met from the Primary Care Modernisation Programme. Professional services, via the Council's Property Services Department would be utilised to take the project forward. The cost of the Professional Services would be met from the overall contract sum.

In regard to revenue costs, these are anticipated to be of a limited nature, mainly heating, lighting and cleaning.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there has been consultation with the Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Social Work and Health Liaison and Director of Property Services.

7. CONCLUSION

An identified need has been established to provide enhanced healthcare and other facilities in Letham. The project to provide an extension at Jubilee Court, Letham is a pragmatic way to proceed and would allow joint working premises to be developed involving Primary and Community Care. The project supports the vision for Community Health Service Centres and variants that address service objectives in rural areas.

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Note:- The following background paper, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), was relied on to a material extent in preparing this report.

Bid for Community Health & Well-being Facility in Angus