Abstract: This report seeks the approval of members of the Service Level Agreement with Angus Care and Repair and the associated payments.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

1. homologate payments made to Angus Care and Repair for the first two quarters of 2011/12;

2. agree the Service Level Agreement for the year 2011/12 between the Council and Angus Care and Repair and associated payments

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Infrastructure Services Committee at its meeting on 23 August considered a report (558/11) on Private Sector Housing Grants. After discussion the Committee decided to defer consideration of the report for further clarification.

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 The discussion related to the policy on award of grant, and whilst it has not been possible in the short time to provide the clarification needed there are other elements of this report related to Angus Care and Repair which need to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

3.2 Paragraph 2.5 of report 558/11 stated:

Members will recall that Angus Council, at its meeting of 10 February 2011, agreed to transfer the budget and responsibility for the Private Sector Housing Grant from Neighbourhood Services Committee to the Infrastructure Services Committee, report 129/11 refers. Since its implementation of the change, the PSHG spend profile for 2011/12 has continued on the same basis as that approved for the previous financial year. As such, the first two quarterly revenue payments have been made to Angus Care and Repair (£49,500 per quarter, paid in advance), and members are requested to homologate this action. The Service Level Agreement for 2011/12 between the Council and Angus Care and Repair which sets out the level of service provision, has been amended to take into account the new budget responsibilities within the Council. A copy of the Service Level Agreement has been placed in the Members' Lounge.

3.3 The decision of the Committee to defer the report did not homologate the decisions to make payments to Angus Care and Repair. Given that the need to revise the SLA and confirm its approval was deferred by the Committee it would not be appropriate for officers to make further payments. In addition payments to Angus Care and Repair from Neighbourhood Services are also dependent on having an SLA in place. A copy of the SLA has been placed in the Members’ Lounge.

3.4 As the issues where further clarification were sought related to the policy on payment of grant to individuals and not the SLA and payments to Angus Care and Repair members are asked
to consider these matters separately with a report on the policy being presented to an early meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The SLA with Angus Care and Repair sets out the financial contributions as:-

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4.2 The proposed levels of expenditure can all be met from the respective departmental budgets in 2011/12.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken.

7 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant.
- We have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced.
- Individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services.
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed.
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Social Work & Health, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Head of Law & Administration and Head of Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

9 CONCLUSION

9.1 Angus Care and Repair is an essential partner and it is important that an agreed SLA is in place and that officers have the necessary authority to make payment.

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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.

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