ABSTRACT
This report updates members on progress with the Care Centre and Supported Housing project at the Kinloch site, Carnoustie; in relation to ‘cutting the turf’ event which will take place on 24 February 2011, public information at Carnoustie Library and the involvement of residents of Camus House, Homecare staff and Burnside and Woodlands Primary schools in preparing a time capsule for the site.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

In February 2009 Angus Council approved the recommendations of the Best Value Review of Services for Older People (committee report 9/09).

The report recommended that, “The Council should commission a new Care Centre for the Carnoustie area to replace Camus House…” (Recommendation 62).

In March 2009 a Project Board was established to consider options for the future development of the site of the former Kinloch Primary School in Carnoustie. The Project Board established that the site offered an ideal location for the development of the new care centre and supported housing scheme, alongside a development of affordable housing and the potential future development of a community facility by the Carnoustie Centre Action Group.

Subsequently a fully costed implementation plan and report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Health and approved by Angus Council in September 2009 (report no.664/09).

This report provides an update on preparatory work in relation to the planned development; specifically advising members of arrangements for ‘cutting the turf’, and the public information/community involvement plan for the citizens of Carnoustie. This process has been undertaken in consultation with representatives from Education and Cultural services.

3. OUTLINE OF EVENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN

From the commencement of the project a public information plan has ensured that residents, families and staff at Camus House, Social Work and Health staff and staff from the Carnoustie Health Centre have been consulted on the plans for the new care centre and supported housing.

To enhance the information available a ‘virtual walk round’ of the new care centre has been created. This was presented to residents, families and staff at Camus House, Social Work and Health staff and staff from the Carnoustie Health Centre at Camus House during the
week commencing 7 February 2011. There were also presentations to pupils at the two local primary schools on 11 February 2011. Following this the presentation is now on display at Carnoustie Public Library and on Angus Council’s internet.

A time capsule will be placed on the site of the former Kinloch School. Pupils from Burnside and Woodlands primary schools, together with residents of Camus House and staff from the former social work office at Dundee Street have undertaken projects to identify artefacts for the time capsule. Photographs of their work are included in the display at the Library.

On Thursday 24 February 2011 there will be a ‘turf-cutting’ on the site of the former Kinloch School to mark the start of construction work for the new care centre and supported housing. This event will be hosted by the Convener of Social Work and Health and will include the placing of the time capsule. The event will be followed by refreshments and a viewing of the ‘virtual walk round’ presentation at Camus House.

Throughout the construction period a web-cam will provide images of progress on the site which will be available to the public on the Angus Council internet.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the event and public information are included in the budget for building and development of the site.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7. CONSULTATION

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

8. CONCLUSION

The public information plan outlined in this report aims to ensure that the citizens of Carnoustie are given the opportunity of viewing the development of new facilities for older people; and that intergenerational involvement is integral to the project.

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NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- “Best Value Review of Older People’s Services Implementation Plan - Update on proposed development of new care centre and supported and affordable housing in Carnoustie, Angus Council Report 6664/09, September 2009

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