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SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE
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CHANGE FUND INTERIM REPORT
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH

ABSTRACT

Members will recall that the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership was allocated £1.691 million for 2011/12 from the Scottish Government Change Fund in February 2011. To support this agenda the Scottish Government has established an initial change fund for 2012/13.

The continuation of the fund was announced as part of the draft Scottish budget on 21 September 2011. Initial indications are that health boards and local authorities will be required to develop a joint commissioning plan as a prerequisite for accessing change fund monies for the period 2012-2015. It is proposed that NHS boards will continue to administer the fund.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

(i) formally endorses the change fund interim report from the Angus Community Care and Health Partnership;

(ii) notes the announcement from the Scottish Government in respect of change fund monies for the period 2012-2015, full details of which are expected after the Spending Review.

2 BACKGROUND

Reference is made to committee report 227/11 considered at Strategic Policy Committee on 15 March 2011. The Scottish Government’s policy on reshaping care for older people aims to optimise the independence and wellbeing of older people. The current financial situation, coupled with demographic change, makes this challenging. The change fund is being used to support and improve care for older people and their carers in Angus. The change fund is linked to the national Reshaping Care for Older People and Integrated Resource Framework programmes.

The fund also draws on the implementation of the NHS Scotland Healthcare Quality Strategy to address the challenges faced by an increasing older population at a time of financial constraint while at the same time delivering better outcomes for older people. The central focus of the change fund is on building community capacity with the third sector and the independent sector and the further integration of care pathways for older people and their carers. The main aim of this investment is to reduce care home placements, and unnecessary hospital admissions for older people and support early discharge from hospital.
3 CURRENT POSITION

The Angus Community Care and Health Partnership has established two major redesign programmes – the Community Care Change Programme for Social Work and Health, and the Community Medicine and Rehabilitation Redesign (CMRR) Project for the NHS. The Performance and Delivery Group of the Angus Community Care and Health Partnership, oversees the implementation of the change fund and is tasked with utilising the change fund to accelerate improvement. These improvements are also linked to existing work that is being taken forward in the partnership through the redesign programmes. The partnership also plans to fully integrate the implementation plans of the two programmes over the next 12 months. Central to the amalgamated implementation plan will be the testing of a fully integrated health and social care model at a locality level, incorporating a range of improvements which are contained in the two redesign programmes. These improvements have also been informed by a range of citizen consultation and engagement events in Angus.

The Angus Community Care and Health Partnership is currently implementing a range of projects which are set out in the interim report. The interim report (see Appendix 1) also provides a summary of the progress that has been made in relation to the delivery of these projects. The areas of investment outlined in the interim report represent the current commitments that have been approved by the Angus Community Care and Health Partnership. Included within the report is the actual expenditure incurred to September 2011 and a projection to the end of the financial year. A further update will be submitted to the Scottish Government in December 2011.

This Angus Community Care and Health Partnership intends to progress work around the development of a joint commissioning plan for the period 2012-2015. This will be required to access change fund monies for the period 2012 – 2015. It is anticipated that more detailed guidance on this will be issued in the autumn, following the conclusion of Spending Review consultation.

The change fund allocation for the Angus partnership for the financial year 2011-12 is £1.691 million. The fund currently amounts to £70 million within the NHS budget for 2011-12 for Scotland. This will increase to £80m/£80m/£70m within NHS budgets over the period 2012-15.

The independent sector (Scottish Care), and the voluntary sector (The Angus Interface), are now members of the Community Care and Health Executive Partnership. The executive group will continue oversee the delivery of the Angus change fund.

4 RISKS

There is a risk that any delay in progress would see unspent funds recovered by the Government.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projects which have been approved for 2011/12 are currently underway, although it is anticipated that only approximately 50% will be spent during 2011/12. This is due to delays in the commencement of the projects. It is anticipated that the unspent monies will be carried forward to 2012/13.

A joint commissioning strategy will be developed by the Angus Community Care and Health Partnership by February 2012 in order to utilise change fund monies for the period 2012-2015.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from in this report.
7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

8 ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement.

- Adults maximise their potential through learning opportunities
- Individuals and families are involved in decisions which affect them
- Individuals are involved in their communities
- 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 communities are developed in a sustainable manner

9 CONSULTATION

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

10 CONCLUSION

The Angus Community Care and Health Partnership has developed a proposal to utilise resources from the change fund for the 2011/12. This plan builds on the existing programmes of work contained with the Community Care Change Programme in Social Work and the Community Medicine and Redesign Programme which is managed by the Community Care and Health Partnership.

The Community Care and Health Partnership plans to develop a joint commissioning plan for the period 2012-2015. The Change Fund guidance for 2012-2015 will be issued in the autumn and will set out what partnerships will be required to submit relating to their joint commissioning strategy.

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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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