

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT – 16 MAY 2013

SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRESS - UPDATE

REPORT BY SERVICE MANAGER - GOVERNANCE

ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the progress of the new scrutiny review process

1 RECOMMENDATION

The committee note that the canvassing exercise has commenced and work is underway to consider training needs of members and lead officers.

2 BACKGROUND

Report 211/13 to the 4 April 2013 meeting of this committee agreed a proposed framework and Angus model for conducting scrutiny reviews. A timetable for progressing the first tranche of reviews during the August to June period was also agreed. This report provides an update on progress.

3 UPDATE ON PROGRESS

The first canvassing exercise for review topics has commenced with all elected members of the council, and the executive management team, included in the exercise. Topics submitted will go through an initial filtering exercise and will be scored, all in accordance with the agreed process per the scrutiny review handbook. The results of this exercise will then be presented to the June meeting of this committee at which the choice of the 3 or 4 reviews to be taken forward will be made.

An exercise to seek review lead officer interest from the members of the council's leadership development group is currently underway and training needs for both members of the committee and lead officers who will be involved in reviews are also currently being considered and developed.

Progress is currently on course in terms of the agreed timetable.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the terms of this report.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues contained within this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

7 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors of Resources, People and Communities, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted on the terms 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.