

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

6 MARCH 2001

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO CAREERS SERVICE REVIEW

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Education Committee authorises me to send the attached comments (Appendix) to the Scottish Executive.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 In October 1999 the then Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning announced the Review of Careers Service in Scotland. The Review Committee chaired by Barbara Duffner, Head of Personnel (North) at Royal Mail, were asked to examine the role of the Careers Service, and the scope for change and development of that role, in the light of trends in education, lifelong learning and the labour market.

2.2 The report of the Review, containing 46 recommendations was submitted to the Scottish Executive in September 2000. A full copy of the Review document is available on the Internet on the Scottish Executive "Publications" website.

2.3 In January 2001, Wendy Alexander, MSP, Minister for Enterprise & Lifelong Learning issued the Scottish Executive's Response, together with a commentary on Duffner's recommendations. That document is also available for perusal on the Internet on the Scottish Executive "Publications" website.

2.4 The Minister is seeking views and comments on the Executive response by 9 March 2001.

2.5 Discussions about these matters have taken place within the Board of Tayside Careers Ltd (of which Angus Council is a member – represented by Councillor Brian Milne) and within the Angus EBP Steering Group, which includes within its membership a number of officers of the Council principally from the Education Department but also from the Economic Development Unit of the Chief Executive's Department.

3 COUNCIL RESPONSE

3.1 The enclosed response has been compiled to reflect those issues which are likely to have greatest relevance to Angus Council and to the services which it provides.

3.2 It is proposed that the Education Committee should consider the enclosed document and authorise me to send it to the Scottish Executive as the official response from Angus Council.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS

4.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from approval of the recommendations contained within this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council, this report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Law & Administration.

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Director of Education

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.

APPENDIX

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