

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 13 January 2015 at 2.50pm.

**Present:** Councillors GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM HOUSTON, BRIAN BOYD, IAN MCLAREN, LYNNE DEVINE, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARTYN GEDDES, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, EWAN SMITH, MARGARET THOMSON and PAUL VALENTINE.

Councillor MIDDLETON, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Colin Brown and Sheila Hands, with Councillor Ian McLaren substituting for Councillor Brown.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ewan Smith declared an interest in Item 4 as he was a licensed taxi driver and indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and would leave the meeting during consideration of this matter.

### 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 11 November 2014 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of 11 November 2014, Councillor David May sought clarification as to future meetings of the Integration Joint Board being held in public and also queried the accountability and reporting process of the Chief Officer.

Having heard from the Convener and the Strategic Director - People, the Committee were advised that further discussion was required to establish whether future meetings would be held in public and also indicated that the Chief Officer would be accountable to the Integration Joint Board and the Chief Executives of both Angus Council and NHS Tayside but not to the Social Work and Health Committee.

The Committee were also provided with an update in relation to the appointment of the Chief Officer (Health and Social Care Integration).

*Councillor Smith having declared an interest in the following item, left the meeting during consideration of the item.*

### 4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 30 OCTOBER 2014 – 18 DECEMBER 2014

There was submitted and noted Report No 13/15 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate for the period 30 October to 18 December 2014.

### 5. WELFARE RIGHTS SERVICE REVIEW

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 June 2013, there was submitted Report No 14/15 by the Strategic Director – People advising members of the outcome of the Welfare Rights Service Review.

The Report indicated that the Welfare Rights Service had been recommended for a service review following the budget setting process for 2014/2017. The Review Group had been established and considered the current functions of the Welfare Rights Service. It had explored what the service could do better in the future as part of the continual improvement process to ensure more efficient and effective service and better outcomes for individual, families and communities.

The Review Group considered a range of options for service delivery, all of which were detailed in Section 5 of the Report.

The Committee agreed that the Welfare Rights Service would move to a locality based approach in the delivery of their services.