

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE  
24 FEBRUARY 2015**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY MEALS AND AJELS OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

**1. BACKGROUND**

Social Work and Health Committee on 11 November 2014 agreed to approve further work on an option to purchase office accommodation at Carseview Road, Forfar for use as a Community Meals Depot. In addition this accommodation would provide long-term accommodation for Criminal Justice staff that moved from Arbroath when the local Sheriff Court closed.

**2. CURRENT POSITION**

Following a further approach to the property owners agent it has transpired that the property already has parties interested in purchasing the site, along with the adjacent site formerly utilised by Jewson's builders merchant, a fact that the agent had not made known to Angus Council. As a result this property may not now be available for purchase as a community meals depot and CJS Forfar base. We have notified the agent of our continued interest in Carseview.

The report also stated that a further report would be brought to Committee in February 2015 on options for the relocation of the Angus Joint Equipment Store (AJELS). The options currently being looked at for community meals and AJELS are as follows:

1. The possibility of leasing an existing industrial unit for the community meals service or AJELS or both. This option has not shown much success to date with no suitable property having yet been identified.
2. Share premises with Dundee/NHST at Claverhouse, Dundee for the AJELS service. This option is still being explored and a specification is currently being finalised outlining Angus Councils requirements for the AJELS store.
3. Re-use/refurbish an existing Council property for AJELS, the community meals service or both. No suitable property has yet been identified.

Work will continue on the possible options with a full report to Social Work and Health Committee in May 2015.

**2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION – SCHEDULES**

There are Committee Reports which contain key background information related to the Logistic Hub. These can be accessed via the links below. Copies have also been placed in the Information Hub.

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2013/CorporateServices/261.pdf>

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2014/anguscouncil/85.pdf>

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2014/socialworkhealth/166.pdf>

[http://www.angus.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/234/agenda\\_item\\_6\\_-\\_45414\\_logistics\\_hub](http://www.angus.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/234/agenda_item_6_-_45414_logistics_hub)

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