

SPECIAL ANGUS COUNCIL

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DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR WHOLE FAMILY WELLBEING FUND AND OUR BRIGHT FUTURES BUDGET

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1. ABSTRACT

Following the retiral of the Depute Chief Executive alternative arrangements require to be put in place with regards to delegated authority in relation to two ring-fenced budgets aligned to the work of the Angus Community Planning Partnership. These budgets relate to the Our Bright Futures Action Plan and the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (WFWF). This report presents recommendations for future delegated authorities in relation to these two budgets.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

2.1 This report contributes to the following outcomes from the Angus Community Plan 2022- 2030 and the Council Plan 2023-28:

- Inequalities in all our communities are reduced
- Children are provided the best start in life
- Physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing is improved
- There are more opportunities for people to achieve success

2.2 It aligns to the following Plans/Strategies:

- Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2023 – 2026 - ([311/23](#))
- Connected Tayside; Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy – ([Report](#))
- Our Bright Futures Plan 2023 – 2025 – ([Report](#))

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to put in place appropriate arrangements for officers of Angus Council to determine and approve the distribution of funds which will deliver the outcomes of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan and the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund; and
- (ii) Agrees to amend the Scheme of Governance Part 3, under the Chief Executive's delegations to add the following delegations: -
 - (a) to appoint council officers to determine and approve the distribution of funds which will deliver the outcomes of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund; and
 - (b) to appoint council officers to determine and approve the distribution of funds which will deliver the outcomes of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Report [159/23](#) was considered by the Children and Learning Committee and agreed the following recommendations in relation to the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund.

(ii) Accept the grant allocation for 2022/23 and 2023/24 and note that this funding comes to the council but is to be directed by the Angus Integrated Children's Services Partnership (AICSP); and

(iii) Delegate decision making to the Depute Chief Executive

- 4.2 Report [75/24](#) was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and agreed the following recommendations in relation to the Our Bright Futures Action Plan.

(iv) Approve the use of £175,000, which was part of a one-off top up of £275,000 LACER funds agreed by Angus Council as part of the in the 2023/24 Revenue and Capital Budgets, for delivery of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan 2023-25; and

(v) Delegate Authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Chair of the Our Bright Futures group) to determine and approve the distribution and use of the funds for projects which will deliver the outcomes of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan 2023-25.

- 4.3 In addition, Report [288/23](#) was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and agreed as council policy for grant governance, including allocated funding for which the council is financially accountable such as the WFWF. The governance of both budgets covered by this report will be considered within the context of this council policy.

5. CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 Following the retiral of the Depute Chief Executive on 31 July 2024 alternative arrangements require to be put in place with regards to delegated authority in relation to two ring-fenced budgets aligned to the work of the Angus Community Planning Partnership.

6. PROPOSALS

- 6.1 While the two budgets concerned are provided to Angus Council to manage, accountability for both the Our Bright Futures (OBF) and Whole Family Wellbeing (WFW) work sits within the governance arrangements of the Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP) and these workstreams report directly to the Angus Integrated Children's Services Partnership.

- 6.2 As ACPP workstreams the chairing of the ICSP and the OBF Group could be undertaken by any community planning partner. However, the delegated authority to determine and approve the distribution of these funds requires to remain with an appropriate Angus Council officer as the manager of the funds on behalf of the ACPP.

- 6.3 It is therefore recommended that Council agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to put in place appropriate arrangements for officer(s) of Angus Council to determine and approve the distribution of funds which will deliver the outcomes of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan and the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. Alternative delegated authority will require whichever officer is assigned responsibility to manage the funds in accordance with Angus Council Financial Regulations and to retain expenditure within the allocated funding/budget.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 Failure to put in place alternative delegated authority arrangements for these funds will mean that decisions on their distribution and use cannot be made, and the budgets would therefore be unused.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

10. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

10.1 A screening assessment has been undertaken and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the recommendations have no impact on people.

11. CONSULTATION

11.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and the Director of Legal, Governance and Change have all been consulted on this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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