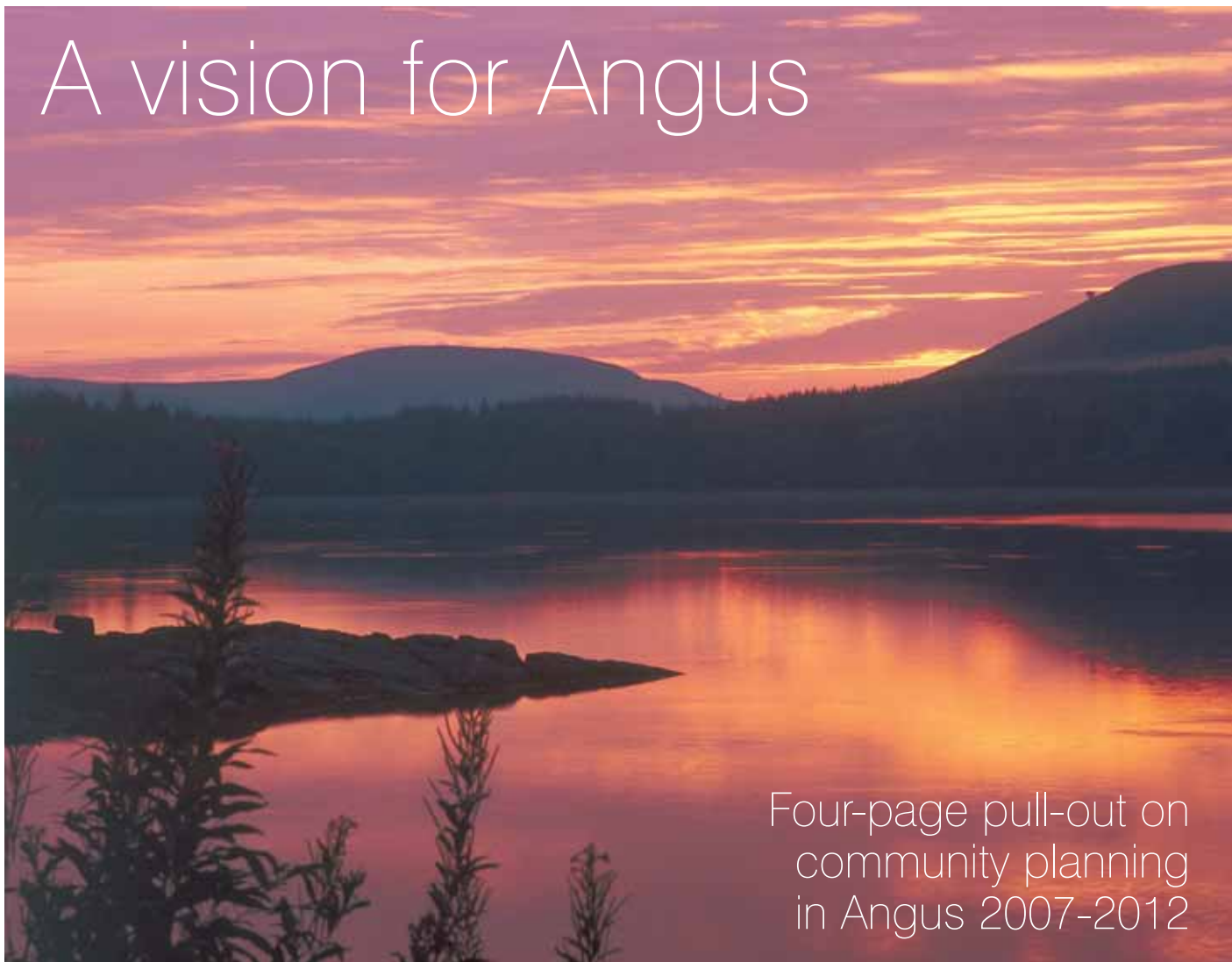


A vision for Angus



Four-page pull-out on
community planning
in Angus 2007-2012

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is working to plan and deliver better public services in the county and you have a part to play in the decisions that are made about these services.

By working together and planning together, we can co-ordinate our activities, making them more effective and more efficient at local and area level.

The community planning partners have agreed a plan of action and this summary gives you a flavour of how they aim to tackle the challenges identified.

The five-year plan highlights the following six key areas and the co-ordinated approach and joint actions needed to address them:

- changing population
- the sustainability of the environment, the economy and communities
- new business growth
- engaging with communities
- the county's young people
- the impact alcohol has on our lives, businesses and communities.

“Angus will be a place where a first-class quality of life for all can be enjoyed in vibrant towns and pleasant villages set in attractive and productive countryside. The area will be dynamic and outward looking, contributing to the culture, environment and economy of Scotland”

The community planning partners – the council, police, fire services, health, enterprise, housing and regeneration, further and higher education and voluntary agencies – already have a range of joint strategies and plans to address these priorities.

Joint economic development, transport, learning, children's services, waste management, health improvement and community safety plans and strategies are driving our public service delivery. The 2007-2012 community

plan takes us a step further. This summary highlights how partners intend to work towards more joined-up service planning and sharing of individual resources to collectively achieve the best value possible for the people of Angus.

You have a stake in the development of the county, so get involved and tell us what you think of this Vision for Angus – see how on the back page of this four-page supplement.

Changing population

By 2024, there will have been a dramatic shift in Angus' population profile.

It is predicted that we will have about 20 per cent fewer pre-school and school-age children, but will at the same time see a significant increase in the number of 50yrs+ residents. While there will be a reduction in the growth of households, overall there will be more people living alone.



Approximately 12,000 fewer people will be of working age – a 20 per cent reduction – and two thirds of them will be aged 25-44, although the growing number of international workers choosing to live and work in the county should boost the available workforce.

We need to plan for these demographic changes now to ensure our services are ready.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is therefore focusing on:

- older people's services
- services for young people
- workforce plans, particularly to attract and retain care sector employees
- land and housing needs
- the support needed for international workers.

We will:

- review services for older people and develop specific plans to assist older people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible
- increase the range and flexibility of respite care in Angus
- develop work force plans for the care sector
- continue to make it easier for people to access services from a single referral
- review services for children and young people in preparation for the projected fall in birth rate
- promote opportunities for older people through the Angus Gold project.

The sustainability of the environment, the economy and communities

To achieve a sustainable economy, we must develop and promote our vision that everyone in Angus enjoys a good quality of life.

The partnership must focus on the provision and quality of services that we deliver, including education, housing, transport, cultural and leisure opportunities, how we tackle antisocial behaviour and how we plan to develop the food and entertainment industry.

Angus is well placed to exploit the opportunities offered by new growth sectors using the natural environment.

Specialist markets, food-related tourism and Farmers' Markets are areas already embraced by the food sector. Our rich and productive land also has the

capacity to grow industrial and alternative energy crops as well as food.

Recycling remains a critical issue for households and businesses. Savings and commercial opportunities exist in the area of waste reduction and a number of Angus companies are making significant investments in this area.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is therefore focusing on:

- the achievement of sustainable business growth
- enhancing the quality of life for all in Angus by:
 - providing safe, secure communities
 - acting to reduce the impact of climate change
 - maximising and supporting learning promoting healthier lifestyles.



We will:

- prepare a climate change action plan covering energy use, travel, waste, estate management and procurement
- continue to enforce the Angus Antisocial Behaviour Strategy
- develop an Angus-wide community warden service
- enhance one-stop shop facilities eg combined council and police offices
- support improvements to the public transport network
- support agricultural diversification to develop alternative energy options
- promote high energy efficiency standards and waste solutions on new employment land sites
- support businesses to develop sustainable exports and imports
- encourage business investment in innovation, research and technology and energy and resource efficiency
- research and promote green job opportunities in Angus
- promote access to Angus through path networks, cycleways etc
- implement the Angus Adult Literacy and Numeracy Strategic Plan
- develop vocational facilities in schools with support from Angus College
- provide first-class skills and employability development facilities throughout Angus.

New business growth

The economy of Angus has been changing for a number of years. The decline of the manufacturing sector and legislative changes around the agricultural and fisheries industries in Scotland has impacted on Angus.

Many people choose to live in Angus and commute to employment in nearby cities, which attract inward investment more readily than rural communities.

However Angus' key strengths lie in the areas of tourism, in assisting current businesses to thrive within the communities of Angus and developing the sustainable economy of the county.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is therefore focusing on:

- the development of Schools of Ambition
- company growth into new markets

- expansion of environmental business supporting international workers (resettlement, employment and business development)
- developing activity based tourism achieving targeted regeneration.

We will:

- develop the county's walking, golf and activity break markets
- promote employability initiatives such as Working for Families
- research incoming workers; their qualifications, backgrounds, the work undertaken, living conditions and their perceptions of Angus
- support the development of social enterprise (children, health, tourism, environmental and economic activity)
- promote citizen participation in voluntary, social, environmental and economic activity
- manage the regeneration of targeted communities.



Engaging our communities

Partners are keen to develop community engagement and active citizenship, to complement and inform local and area arrangements.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership will continue to create opportunities and support people's participation in community life, for example through the local area partnerships. The council's community learning and development service is working with people to equip them with the skills and knowledge to participate.

We are focusing on the following priorities:

- the Angus-wide partnership is:
 - supporting the local area partnerships in their identification of community priorities
 - progressing actions in the active citizenship strategy and creating opportunities for people to engage in community planning activity.
- the local partnerships are working on the following:
 - Arbroath & Area: highlighting the economy and tourism / the feasibility of a community cinema
 - City of Brechin & Area: Townscape Heritage Initiative / employing a town centre commercial development worker
 - Carnoustie: redevelopment/

enhancement for Open 2007 / the seafront development

- Forfar & Area: tackling antisocial behaviour / the redevelopment of the town centre
- Kirriemuir & the Glens: improvement of community facilities / tourism related regeneration
- Monifieth Area: town centre redevelopment / improving rural transport links
- Montrose Area: developing civic pride / business development and promotion.

In addition, in the Sidlaw / Newtyle area, local people are considering improvements to roads and signage / access to services including transport.

We will:

- develop a joint approach to providing training for community activists and volunteers
- highlight and celebrate communities' achievements
- assist the development of effective local area partnerships and youth councils
- provide training for all staff and volunteers involved in community engagement activity
- highlight and support volunteers' achievements and have them recognised and accredited
- encourage volunteering among young people.



The impact of alcohol

Alcohol is an undeniable part of Scottish life. It has considerable commercial and economic clout, with 200,000 people employed in the UK drinks and hospitality industry and £200 million spent on drink advertising nationally every year.

We aim to reduce the negative impact alcohol has on Angus' people and communities. To do that, the culture of alcohol use must change.

Scottish statistics demonstrate the need for that cultural shift:

- one in four of all Scottish adults drinks hazardously
- nearly half of all 15 year olds drink
- one in 30 deaths is alcohol related
- 100 per cent rise in female alcohol-related deaths in 10 years
- drink features in one in three incidents of domestic violence
- 1,270 drink-driving casualties
- £1.1 billion annual cost to the Scottish economy.

In Angus, the number of alcohol-related deaths is rising, chiefly in the 45-64 age group. There are startling figures for alcohol-related antisocial behaviour, such as assault and vandalism – many occurring around Angus' 334 licensed premises and 32 late

We will:

- develop a Best Bar None Scheme working with landlords to set new standards
- explore the options for in-patient and community-based facilities for those with significant alcohol problems
- review rural access to alcohol services
- develop a Moving on Service to help people with substance misuse problems access employment/ education
- establish a parental alcohol-support service
- investigate extension of youth work to times when young people are most at risk through alcohol use
- ensure good access to information on alcohol issues and support services for young people
- support community and voluntary organisations offering young people alternatives to alcohol consumption.

catering outlets. Accident and emergency services are particularly busy with people who have had alcohol-related accidents.

Days lost due to alcohol are significant, affecting school days as well as employee hours. The numbers of fires that are alcohol related are also of significant concern.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is:

- having a Focus on Alcohol across all services including under-age campaigns, licensing arrangements and absenteeism
- engaging with young people
- considering rehabilitation options
- establishing Healthy Communities Collaboratives in Forfar, Kirriemuir and Arbroath.

The county's young people

Children and young people in Angus are unique individuals who make an important contribution to family and community life.

As citizens of tomorrow, they should enjoy growing up in Angus and be assisted to reach their full potential. They are entitled to feel that they are safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active,

respected, responsible and included.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is focusing on:

- encouraging learning opportunities for young people
- entrepreneurship
- improving the health and wellbeing of young people.

We will:

- support EnterpriseAngus
- support Determined to Succeed and other education/industry link initiatives
- encourage and support participation in services by young people
- create structures to formally recognise and accredit young people's achievements
- engage with young people to reduce under age alcohol consumption
- support agencies working with Angus young people who are using or are affected by alcohol.



Have we got it right?

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is determined to improve your services through joint planning and is committed to changing the way we work. Only together can we deliver our vision for Angus.

We believe this new community plan puts us in the right direction, but what do you think?

The detail of the plans outlined in this supplement is contained in the full Angus Community Plan and it is available online at www.angus.org.uk or you can call ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778 to get a copy.

Please let us know what you think of this supplement or the full community plan by e-mailing access@angus.gov.uk or by writing to us at: Angus Community Planning Partnership, FREEPOST SCO3712, The Cross, Forfar DD8 1ZR.

The members of the Angus Community Planning Partnership are Angus Council, NHS Tayside, Angus Community Health Partnership, Tayside Police, Tayside Fire & Rescue Service, Angus College, Communities Scotland, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations, Volunteer Centre Angus and Angus Rural Partnership.