

Maximise the economic potential of Angus**Implement area based regeneration initiatives**

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Tackle poverty and employability in Angus
- * Work with the communities in the north area of Arbroath, Arbroath Harbour and Drumachlie, Brechin to help people back into employment and training, and to improve community safety and health within these communities.
- * Strive to ensure that all young people enter employment, further/higher education or training on leaving school.

Adopt an Economic Development Strategy which supports local people and businesses

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Prepare a second edition of the "Welcome Pack" for fellow EU and international workers in several languages. The pack will provide up to date information and contact details to enable these workers to access a wide range of services.
- * Research the number of incoming workers to Angus, the nature of the work they do, their qualifications, living conditions, racial / cultural backgrounds and their perceptions of Angus
- * Develop an Economic Development Strategy and associated Action Plan 2007-2010
- * Research the development of an employability framework in accordance with the Scottish Executive's "Workforce Plus"
- * Identify and support opportunities to develop Social Enterprises, with particular emphasis on childcare, health, tourism and environmental sectors

Improve our transport network through effective partnerships with other agencies

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Improve the A92 north of Arbroath to Montrose and the A935 between Brechin and Montrose with a view to improving road links to and from Montrose. a)A92
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- * Investigate options for improving road links to the A90 from the A935 at Brechin

Deliver a regional land use and development strategy through effective partnerships at regional and nation

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Highlight the potential to facilitate the release of land for affordable housing

Provide high quality customer centred services

Make services more accessible to customers

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Implement the final statutory requirements contained in the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act.
- * Implement the Angus Customer First Programme to meet the national objectives of delivering more convenient and responsive services
- * Deliver Equalities Action Plan

Develop ACCESS Angus to deliver integrated services

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Continue to develop the range of services available through ACCESSline and ACCESSonline
- * Review and develop the role of ACCESS offices in each burgh

Consult with customers on our services

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Review the scheme of establishment of Community Councils
- * Implement the recommendations from the pilot on Local Community Planning

Continually seek improvements across services

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Develop Single Outcome Agreement with Community Planning Partners
- * Develop and co-ordinate the council's involvement in the Shared Services Agenda
- * Work in collaboration with Scottish Courts Administration to ensure the smooth transition of the District Court Service from Angus Council to them.
- * Explore enhancement of the existing design capability in the Print & Design Unit to include web page design facilities.
- * Review of Energy Procurement in partnership with TPC
- * Implement the Rural Strategy Action Plan as per its developing timetable
- * Progress the rollout of the council's electronic procurement system (PECOS).
- * Support the Boundary Commission for Scotland review of Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions within the terms of the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004.
- * Review approach to the use of Direct Payments and Self Directed Care

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In 2008/09 we will:

- * The further development of the Angus Joint Equipment Loan Service.

Promote learning for all ages and abilities

Increase learning opportunities for adults

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Work with different services and agencies to deliver better services for children and young people in Angus
- * Publish and Implement 2008-2012 Community Learning & Development (CLD) Strategy
- * Develop vocational learning capacity in Angus secondary schools.
- * Pilot extended care facilities in designated LA pre-school classes.
- * Develop a Composite Equalities Policy.
- * Review bi-lingual support provision to take account of increased enrolment of non-English speakers.
- * Support schools to implement the first set of finalised Curriculum for Excellence outcomes.

Provide educational services that maximise and support learning

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Implement GLOW in a phased programme.
- * Publish and Implement an updated Integrated Children's Service Plan covering the period 2009-12.
- * Undertake a further review of the School Estate Strategy and a related review of other education service premises.
- * Publish the Parental Involvement Strategy now required by legislation.
- * Increase number of schools with Eco-School status.
- * Roll out 'Health Promoting Schools' accreditation to all schools.
- * Implement strategies recommended by a departmental review group to address improvements in relation to SQA attainment indicators.
- * Review and simplify procedures for planning and assessing children's learning
- * Ensure that a growing proportion of staff with management responsibility in partner centres have or are working towards an appropriate qualification.
- * Develop and implement strategies to improve higher order reading skills in all schools.
- * Take forward recommendations from published HMIE report on the education functions of Angus Council.
- * Implement the Arts and Cultural Education Strategy
- * Complete training in respect of "Co-operative Learning" to 450 teachers
- * Take forward recommendations identified in the 2006 Standards and Quality Report.

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In 2008/09 we will:

- * Promote and Develop coaching in all schools and support services to facilitate communication and continuous improvement.
- * Implement revised tracking recording and reporting IT system in primary and secondary schools (including a system to address the needs of looked after children).
- * Develop resources to improve reading skills in line with national guidance
- * Promote the implementation of Active Learning approaches 3-15.

Encourage citizen involvement in community life

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Review team structures within Education Headquarters.

Improve school buildings

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Complete construction of Seaview Primary School.
- * Complete the Forfar/Carnoustie Schools Project

Promote safe and caring communities and healthy lifestyles

Ensure good quality and affordable housing is available to all in Angus

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Development of Affordable Housing Strategy for Angus.
- * Encourage the provision of more affordable homes for rent and purchase

Improve the health of the community in partnership with other agencies

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Support all Angus schools to become 'Health Promoting' Schools
- * Develop an Angus cultural strategy with local organisations and other agencies
- * Review and implement the Angus Joint Health Improvement Plan

Focus on changing the culture of alcohol use within the community

In 2008/09 we will:

- * As a consequence of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 establish and provide clerking services to the Local Licensing Forum.
- * Develop a range of information resources on alcohol and the effects of alcohol for the public and partner agencies

Ensure that social work services are designed to meet the future needs of the community

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Develop joint working arrangements with health in the substance misuse field.
- * Develop ways of sharing information with partners, particularly the Single Shared Assessment process and the evaluation of the pilot ecare information sharing project.
- * Due to projected fall in birth rate, develop and implement a research programme to identify future service needs of pre school children particularly regarding nurseries, playgroups and child minders.
- * Implement local responsibilities arising from the Tayside Community Justice Authority
- * Develop ways of using modern technology to support people at home.
- * Develop services to protect vulnerable adults at risk of abuse and neglect
- * Develop services to help long stay patients with learning disabilities move into the community
- * Enhance services for people with dementia.
- * Develop range of foster care resources available to Angus children and young people.

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In 2008/09 we will:

- * Review practices in other councils to inform approach to school/offsite support for severely social and emotionally disturbed children

Improve the environment and quality of life

Encourage sustainable energy and energy efficiency initiatives

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Continue to ensure the council delivers energy efficient homes

Implement strategies to combat the effects of climate change

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Identify priority areas for reducing the impact of global warming and develop a carbon management programme

Improve transport and accessibility in a sustainable way

In 2008/09 we will:

- * Develop a plan for improving and maintaining the parks and open spaces in Angus
- * Develop and promote a network of main paths / tracks throughout Angus which will be signposted by the council and others to allow public access to the countryside