



Angus Sports Plan

Key Issues

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Fabric

- Issue - Ticking Timebomb Report - In September 2001 sportscotland published 'The Ticking Time Bomb', a report commissioned on The Maintenance, Upgrading and Refurbishment of Scotland's Public Pools. The estimated resources required on a Scotland wide basis is £554 million for 338 known pools with the Angus requirement estimated at £10 million at September 2001 prices for its 7 known pools.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Education and Property Services, sportscotland

Action Recommended: The creation of a planned programme of maintenance to meet the estimated levels of spend required to bring the pools back to an acceptable standard

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Dry facilities audit and report - sportscotland are currently carrying out a similar exercise for dry facilities which may identify similar levels of investment required to maintain the stock of sports and leisure facilities. The 8 recognised sports facilities in Angus therefore require investment of around £11.5 million.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Education and Property Services, sportscotland

Action Recommended: The creation of a planned programme of maintenance to meet the estimated levels of spend required to bring the sports facilities back to an acceptable standard

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Sports Lottery Funding - Adopting a more strategic approach to accessing available Sports Lottery Funding strands as described within the new Lottery Fund Strategy.

Lead Agent: sportscotland

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, Education and Property Services

Action Recommended: The co-ordination of planning for development or refurbishment of sports facilities to allow for the maximisation of Sports Lottery Funding.

Anticipated date of completion: August 2004

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - New Opportunities Fund (NOF)- PE and school sports

Lead Agent: Angus Council Education Services

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, Social Work, Angus Sports Council, Angus Disability Sport, Schools, Police and Voluntary Sector

Action Recommended: Partnership working to ensure that the NOF strand criteria are met and that resources are used to deliver against existing targets and priority initiatives.

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Quality of Life Funding -

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Angus Council Education

Action Recommended: Partnership working to ensure that the Quality of Life Funding criteria are met and that resources are used to deliver against existing targets and priority initiatives

Anticipated date of completion: October 2004

Review timescale: Annual

Access

- Issue - Community use of schools. Whilst formal recreation facilities tend to be located in the major towns of Angus, schools are much more widespread. There is a perceived issue that it is difficult for community use to take place in many schools.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Education Service

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, and Angus Sports Council, Angus Disability Sport, School Boards

Action Recommended: The creation of a policy for community use of schools leading to individual school action plans Newbuilds to take cognisance of community use and easy access for community groups.

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Co-ordination of existing local facilities, (village/community halls, leisure centres, club premises, etc). Many communities have a collection of individual facilities each concentrating on their own place within the community and there is a perceived need for some degree of co-ordination.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Education Service, Angus Sports Council, Angus Disability Sport, Sports Clubs, Hall Committees

Action Recommended: Convene local meetings to identify if co-ordination is required locally and if so to define an appropriate mechanism

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Pricing of facilities and activities - Affordability of charges for sport is a critical issue: there is significant scope for improvements in awareness of concession and promotional schemes and the effect of price changes need to be carefully monitored and assessed.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services and Education Services

Main Partners: Angus Sports Council, Angus Disability Sport, Facility User-Groups, Council supported private sector

Action Recommended: The creation of an integrated pricing policy for Council facilities including promotional and monitoring schemes

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Transport - The people of Angus are generally used to travelling some distance to take part in cultural, social and sporting activity. However, the availability of public transport in the area is very mixed.



Lead Agent: Angus Council Roads and Planning & Transport
Main Partners: Education and Social Work Services, Voluntary Sector Organisations, Angus Sports Council, Angus Disability Sport
Action Recommended: The development of Rural Transport Strategy, co-ordination of existing local transport networks
Anticipated date of completion: April 2006
Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Target Groups - sportscotland recognises five priority groups: people with disabilities: the over 50's, women: the unwaged and single parents: In Angus, youth and rurality are also important.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services
Main Partners: Angus Disability Sport, Age Concern Angus, Angus Education Services, Youth Dialogue Initiative
Action Recommended: Co-ordinate sports development priorities with agreed Social Inclusion targets
Anticipated date of completion: December 2004
Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Countryside Recreation - although Angus offers excellent physical opportunities more could be done to promote the responsible access to these resources by local people and visitors for formal and informal recreation.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Planning & Transport
Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, The Cairngorm Partnership, Scottish Natural Heritage, Paths for All Partnership, Forest Enterprise

Action Recommended: The development of an Access Policy and identification of key providers for the development of sustainable access projects

Anticipate date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

Development

The progression of the Youth Sport Trust TOP Play and TOP Sport programmes is a key area for development in Schools and the community as both programmes have the potential to be fully inclusive. The Youth Sport Trust Sportsability programme specifically targets those young people with complex needs and has the ability to operate alongside TOP's to offer a totally inclusive approach.

Consideration should also be given to a Special Education Needs (SEN) Active Schools Co-ordinator post through sportscotland. Such a post could influence across Angus and offer support and training to teachers in mainstream and SEN as well as creating pathways into extra curricular sport through Angus Disability Sport.

In the area of club development, Angus Council and Angus Disability Sport have been involved in the sportscotland Youth Sport Club Development programme pilot for the last three years. Further involvement in this and other such programmes will enhance the development of Angus Disability Sport in the future.



- Issue - School Sport initiatives (e.g. 'TOP play, BT TOP sport') - the Education Service is progressing two initiatives which it is hoped will increase the equipment and training available to primary school class teachers to help develop sporting activity and physical education in their schools.

Lead Agent: Angus Council, Education Service

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, sportscotland and Youth Sport Trust

Action Recommended: Development of a School Sport Strategy and the development of 'TOP play' and BT 'TOP sport' to all Angus Schools within the Angus Area. Further development of the community TOPS programme to be rolled out with clubs and play groups.

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - School/Club initiatives (e.g. school sports co-ordinators) - again, the Education Service has progressed the sportscotland supported scheme to appoint a school sports co-ordinator for each secondary school in the country. This person will help co-ordinate after-school sport and the links between school sport and sporting activity in the community generally including clubs. Investment in Active Schools needs to ensure greater integration between Active Schools and Leisure Services provision.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Education Services

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, sportscotland, Angus Sports Council

Action Recommended: Development of School Sports Co-ordinators scheme within all Secondary Schools in Angus

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Sports Activity Programmes - Programmes are available to greater or lesser degrees across the Angus area (provided by the Council, Local Clubs and others) generally during school terms and during school holiday periods.

There is a need for greater co-ordination, targeting and promotion of programmes.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Active Primary Schools Co-ordinators, Angus Sports Council and Clubs

Action Recommended: Co-ordination of activity programmes for example, National Governing Bodies, SportTayside with those of the Angus Council

Anticipated date of completion: Summer school holiday programme 2004

Review timescale: 6 months

- Issue - Sports Specific Development Plans - Some of the Governing Bodies of Sport, local successful clubs, SportTayside, etc are beginning to develop sports specific development plans in sports such as hockey, girls and womens football, basketball and athletics.

Greater consistency should be shown at national and regional level when considering the prioritisation of sports specific development to ensure better integration of complementary initiatives

The Angus Council, Leisure Services team have local sports specific development plans for six sports which include cricket, disability sports, football, gymnastics, swimming and tennis. Two further plans are under development for golf and badminton. There is a need to make sure that there is one plan which is welcomed by all those involved rather than, for example, the Local Authority, National Governing Body and SportTayside, each having a separate plan for the same sport. It is recognised however that each local area will address these sports specific plans as it impacts on their own local area.

Lead Agent: SportTayside, sportscotland

Main Partners: National Governing Bodies, Angus Council Leisure Services, Education Services

Action Recommended: sportscotland, nationally, to encourage National Governing Bodies to develop sports specific development plans to co-ordinate with Local Authorities and their local sports development plans

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual



- Issue -Lifelong Learning- Capacity Building and opportunities to provide people with the skills and abilities to be physically active from an early stage in their life and continue with this lifestyle throughout their lives.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services, sportscotland, Angus Disability Sports, and Angus Sports Council

Main Partners: Education, SportTayside, NHS Tayside

Action Recommended: To co-ordinate with key partners to ensure that the opportunities in Angus are accessible, appropriate and well promoted.

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Club Development - Capacity Building such as issues relating to fund raising, development of new facilities, child protection and coaching qualifications mean that running a sports club can be a very demanding process. sportscotland has produced information leaflets on such topics and training courses have occasionally been available locally to assist club committee members. Work is required to ensure that courses run in Angus are accessible, appropriate and well promoted.

Support and assistance to sports clubs will be enhanced with the appointment of the Club Development Officer and this appointment will begin to address the issues surrounding club youth sections, new club establishment and school/club links.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services, sportscotland and Angus Sports Council, Local Enterprise Companies

Main Partners: SportTayside

Action Recommended: To co-ordinate with key partners to ensure that the club development is integrated and supported by the Angus Club Development Plan.

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Grant Aid - Angus Council provides grant aid to Angus Sports Council, SportTayside and the Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport under Service Level Agreements. The Council also has a limited provision for Voluntary Sector Grant Aid. Leisure Services also operates grant aid to National Athletes (NASA) and coaches (ACCESS). The Council's Grant Aid Policy should be under continuous review to ensure that the grants system is, open, equitable, linked to other Council grant systems and well promoted.

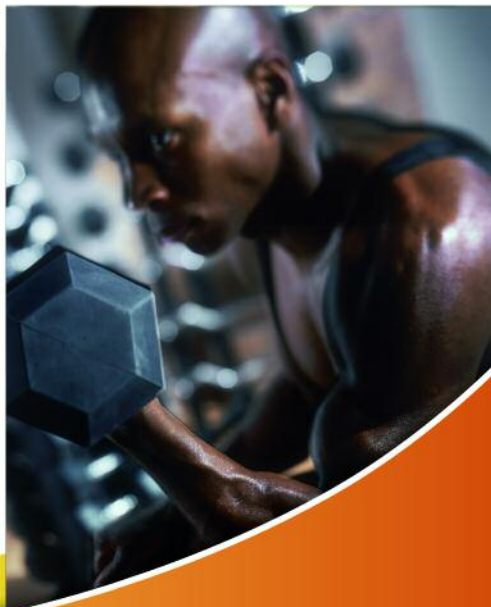
Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Angus Sports Council, Angus Council Education Service, SportTayside and Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport

Action Recommended: To formally review Grant Aid Policy to ensure that the system is open, equitable, linked to other Council grant systems and well promoted and distributed

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual



Excellence

- Issue - Coach Development - the opportunities for training to become a qualified coach or for upgrading of existing qualifications has significantly increased recently through Coach Education initiatives and the SportTayside 'Coaching Tayside'.

Resources need to be targeted to ensure that there is coach development at all levels and that support mechanisms and coach mentoring is also addressed.

Further work is required to attract more people into coaching and into supporting and developing existing coaches. Coach Education should also raise awareness of disability and access issues related to sport.

Lead Agent: SportTayside

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, sportscotland, Angus Sports Council and clubs

Action Recommended: Creation of a coach recruitment and development strategy linked to resource allocation and a planned investment programme.

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual.

- Issue - Pathways to Performance - the availability of structured routes and resources to take performers from participation to excellence. Co-ordination and communication between the providing agencies is required to improve knowledge of access to the routes and resources available.

Lead Agent: sportscotland, National Governing Bodies

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport, SportTayside and Angus Sports Council

Action Recommended: sportscotland to work with main partners to identify and clarify local routes and pathways to performance

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Area Institute of Sport - the Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport proposals for Angus aim to provide the top

National and International athletes living in Angus access to a range of services, for example career advice/Education, sports science and medicine. sportscotland has identified nine core sports to receive attention, these are hockey, swimming, football, badminton, curling, rugby, athletics, judo and golf. Further Angus priority sports may be identified as the process progresses.

Lead Agent: The Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure Services, and Education, sportscotland, University of Dundee, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, SportTayside

Action Recommended: With sportscotland, ensure the effective promotion and development of the TFIS to sports providers and athletes

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual

Other

- Issue - Safety - Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection issues in sport have been highlighted by a number of recent scares and court cases. In addition, the 1989 Children Act has, in some cases, put a significant strain on organisations involved in providing sporting activity for young children.

Lead Agent: Angus Child Protection Committee

Main Partners: sportscotland/Children 1st, Angus Council/Tayside Police Community Safety Unit, Angus Council Leisure, Education, Angus Sports Council, Angus Disability Sport, Angus Health Board

Action Recommended: Creation of clear guidance (using model documentation) for those working in sport with children and vulnerable adults.

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Health - A sedentary lifestyle is a major risk factor for a range of diseases including heart disease, cancer and obesity. The promotion of active living is essential if these



diseases are to be effectively addressed and is crucial to the overall development of sport.

Education must also go hand in hand with innovative initiatives designed to enable and facilitate.

The appointment of the Physical Activity Development Officer and the production of a draft Physical Activity Plan will be greatly beneficial in this area.

Lead Agent: Tayside Health Board

Main Partners: Angus Council Leisure, Contracts and Education Services, sportscotland, Physical Activity Task Force.

Action Recommended: Raise awareness of the benefits of physical activity and facilitate the development of effective initiatives to promote these.

Anticipated date of completion: April 2005

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Marketing - Access, development and excellence can only be improved against a background of awareness and knowledge. Work is required to co-ordinate marketing at all levels to ensure ease of participation.

Opportunities will also be taken to raise awareness of opportunities which are available for disabled sport, for sport to tackle social inclusion, and sporting initiatives which improve health and wellbeing.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure Services

Main Partners: Tayside Health Board, Scottish Natural Heritage, Angus & Dundee Tourist Board, Angus Sports Council, Forest Enterprise, sportscotland

Action Recommended: Co-ordination of marketing effort to raise awareness of opportunities for physical activity and sport

Anticipated date of completion: December 2004

Review timescale: Annual

- Issue - Audit Information - Baseline information on numbers participating in sport, age, sex etc. needs to be collected in order to measure the effectiveness of the Plan. Development of the Leisure Management Information System and card technologies to provide data on sports participation levels.

Lead Agent: Angus Council Leisure, Contracts and Education Services

Main Partners: sportscotland, Tayside Health Board, local Sports Clubs

Action Required: Creation and development of baseline information on participation for example by age, sex, activity and barriers to taking part in physical activity

Anticipated date of completion: March 2005

Review timescale: Annual





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