

2. ABOUT ANGUS COUNCIL

Location

The county of Angus is located on the east coast of Scotland, spanning an area of approximately 842 square miles. It has a population of approximately 109,870¹. Angus is an area of great diversity and ranges across the Angus Glens and upland area, the lowland area of Strathmore and the coastal plain. The seven main towns are Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose. Outside the main towns, communities are scattered throughout the countryside, enjoying attractive views and rural community life.

The Council employs over 5,600 staff.

Key Functions and Services

The Council delivers a wide range of functions and services to the community, many through statutory obligations. The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 places a legal duty on councils to lead community planning in their area, and also provides them with the statutory power to advance wellbeing – in other words, councils may undertake and/or support any activity in the interests of their local community, subject to certain limiting provisions.

These services include:

- Social Work and Health
- Housing
- Strategic Planning and Development
- Local Planning and Development Control
- Economic Development
- Roads, Highways and Bridges
- Car Parks
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Environmental Protection
- Trading Standards
- Schools and Adult Education
- Libraries, Archives & Museums
- Public Halls
- Recreational Activities
- Community Councils
- Registrar
- Emergency Planning
- Licensing

¹ As at 30 June 2007 – source: GROS
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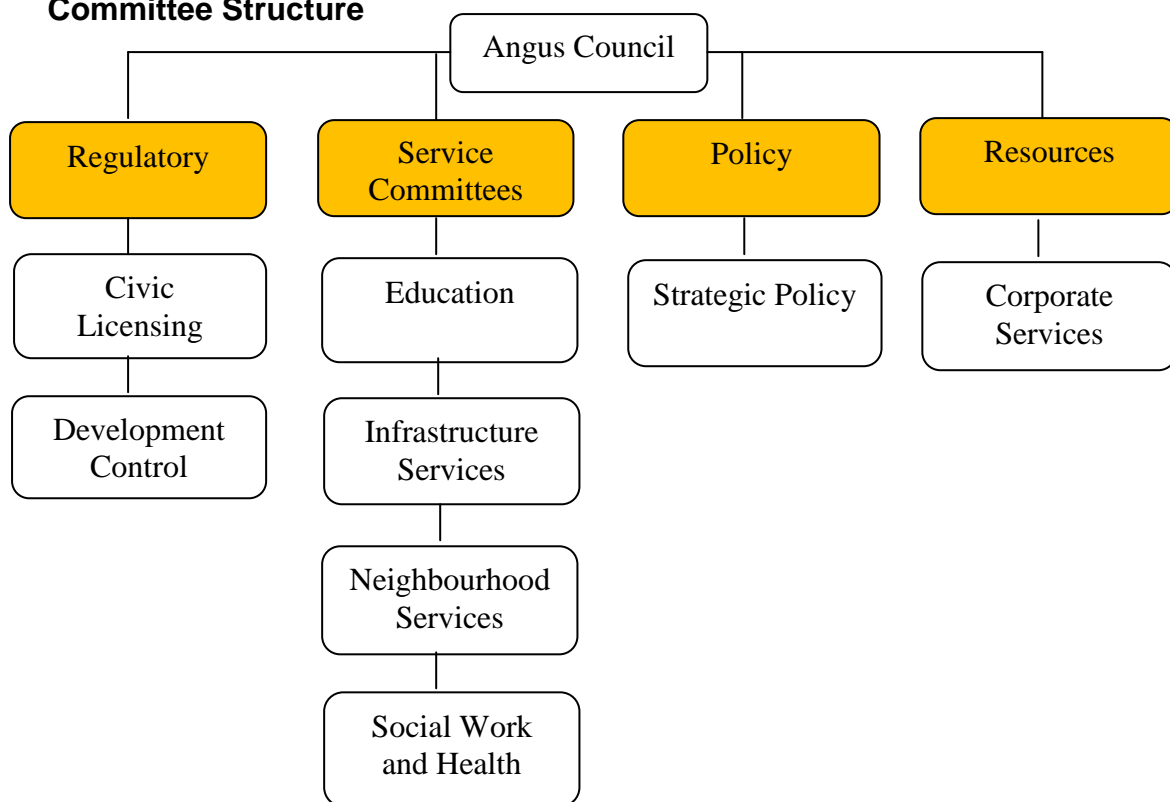
Decision Making Structure

Angus Council comprises 8 multi-member wards with three or four councillors representing each ward. There are 29 elected members in total. Following the last full Council elections in May 2007, the political make-up of the Council is 13 Scottish National Party, 3 Liberal Democrat, 5 Conservative, 2 Labour and 6 Independent Members. The next Council elections will be in 2012.

The Council operates a committee system of political management and there are 8 Standing Committees responsible for decision making. For more information go to <http://www.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/default.html>.

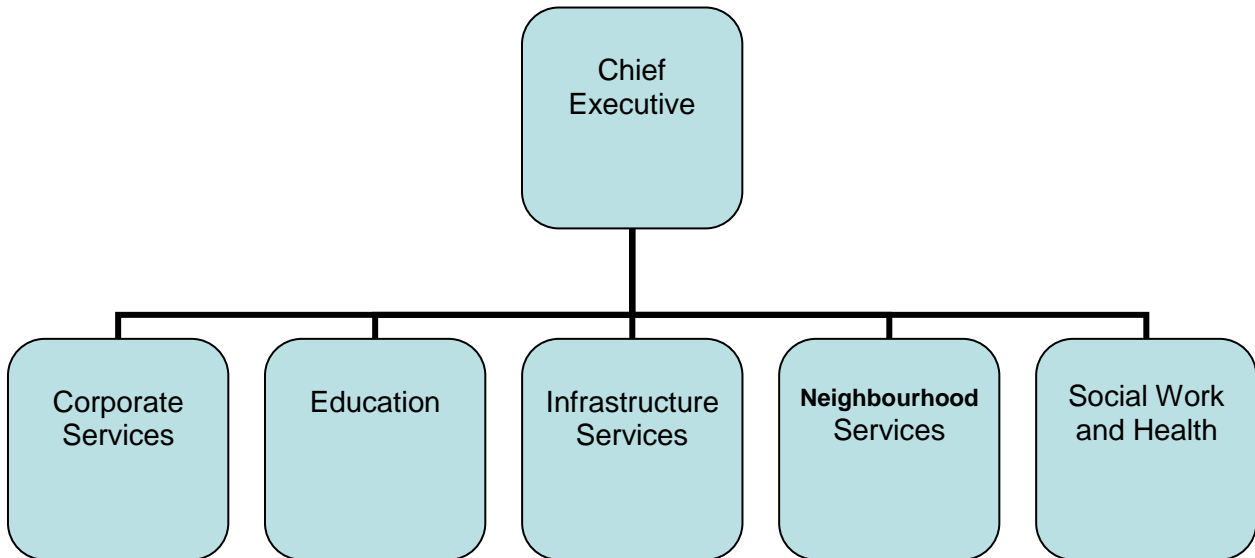
This information can also be inspected at the Law and Administration Division, Angus House, Forfar.

Committee Structure



Operational Structure

The Council's operational structure is detailed below:



Performance Reporting

The Council aims to achieve a significant, measurable and demonstrable improvement in the quality of life of its citizens by delivering or facilitating excellent, customer-focussed services. The Council is committed to providing members of the public with information on its performance to enable it to determine how well their Council is performing. In 2008, the Council signed up to its first Single Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Government. This agreement, which will be refreshed and published annually, explicitly sets out the outcomes which the Council is seeking to achieve with its community planning partners. The Council has to make an annual report to the Government on its progress towards these outcomes.

Other examples of service and financial performance information which will help people determine how well their Council is serving them include: statutory public performance reporting (for example, school inspections), community plans, external audit reports and customer feedback surveys. We are committed to publishing as much information as possible, and information on performance reporting is available under Information Class 1.13 or can be viewed at:

<http://www.angus.gov.uk/annualreports/default.html>.

Associated Organisations

Some local government activities are delivered by organisations associated with the Council. Some of these organisations are separate public bodies which are governed by one or more council. These bodies are also covered by FOISA and must adopt their own publication scheme.

Angus Environmental Trust

Angus Environment Trust was formed to receive contributions from landfill operators in lieu of part of their liability for landfill tax, which the Trust uses to fund environmental projects.

Publication Scheme can be viewed at:

<http://www.angus.gov.uk/foi/pubscheme/angusenvirontrust.pdf>

or contact:

Roy Madden
Chairman of the Board of Directors of Angus Environmental Trust
Planning and Transport Division
Angus Council
County Buildings
Market Street
Forfar
DD8 3LG
Telephone: 01307 473371
Email: MaddenR@angus.gov.uk

Police and Fire Services

Police and Fire Services are run by joint boards which include representatives from Angus Council, Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council. Each joint board has its own publication scheme, as does the Chief Constable of Tayside Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue. These can be accessed using the links or contact details below:

Tayside Joint Police Board

Publication Scheme can be viewed at:

<http://www.tayside.police.uk/jbpub/pubscheme0408.pdf>

or contact:

Elaine Whittet
Assistant Clerk to Tayside Joint Police Board
Law and Administration Division
Angus Council
Angus House
Orchardbank Business Park
Forfar DD8 1AN
Telephone: 01307 476265
Email: WhittetE@angus.gov.uk

Chief Constable of Tayside Police

Publication Scheme can be viewed at:

http://www.taysidepolice.police.uk/foi_scheme.php

or contact:

Freedom of Information Officer
Tayside Police Headquarters
PO Box 59
West Bell Street
Dundee
DD1 9JU
Telephone: 01382 596169
E-mail: information@tayside.pnn.police.uk

Tayside Fire and Rescue Board

Publication Scheme can be viewed at:

<http://www.taysidefire.gov.uk/cmsimages/media/word/FOI%20Publication%20Scheme%20-%20Tayside%20Fire%20and%20Rescue%20June%202007.doc>

or contact:

Gillian Taylor
Clerk to Tayside Fire and Rescue Board
Council Building
2 High Street
Perth
PH1 5PH
Telephone: 01738 475135
Email: gataylor@pkc.gov.uk

Tayside Fire and Rescue

Publication Scheme can be viewed at:

<http://www.taysidefire.gov.uk/cmsimages/media/word/FOI%20Publication%20Scheme%20-%20Tayside%20Fire%20and%20Rescue%20June%202007.doc>

or contact:

Chief Fire Officer
Tayside Fire and Rescue
Fire and Rescue Headquarters
Blackness Road
DUNDEE
DD1 5PA
Telephone: 01382 322222

Angus Licensing Board

The Licensing Board administers all licensed premises within the Angus area. It deals with applications for public house, hotels and other alcoholic liquor licences as well as applications for premises licences and permissions in relation to gambling.

Publication Scheme can be viewed at:

<http://www.angus.gov.uk/foi/pubscheme/licbrdpubscheme.pdf>

or contact:

Licensing and Court Officer
Law and Administration Division
Angus Council
Angus House
Orchardbank Business park
Forfar DD8 1AN
Telephone: 01307 476255/476256
Email: LAWADMIN@angus.gov.uk

Angus District Court (transitional arrangements)/Justice of the Peace Courts

Control of district courts in Scotland has been transferred to the Scottish Courts Service. District courts will be replaced by Justice of the Peace Courts and requests for published information about Justice of the Peace Courts can be directed to the Scottish Courts Service from 30 June 2009.

<http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/district/index.asp>

or contact:

The Scottish Court Service
Hayweight House
23 Lauriston Street
Edinburgh
Tel 0131 229 9200

Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board

Publication Scheme available at:

<http://www.tayside-vjb.gov.uk/>

The Assessor
Tayside Valuation Joint Board
Whitehall House
35 Yeaman Shore
DUNDEE DD1 4BU
Tel: 01382 315602
Fax: 01382 315600

Tayside Valuation Joint Board

Contact details as for Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board as set out above.

Tayside Contracts Joint Committee

The overall governance of the organisation is the responsibility of a Joint Committee, comprising of 18 elected members made up of:

- 5 elected members from Angus Council
- 6 elected members from Dundee City Council
- 7 elected members from Perth & Kinross Council

The Joint Committee does not have its own publication scheme, but information which it publishes is available via the publication schemes of the three constituent councils. Information on the committee's activities can be found in the Angus scheme under [Class 1.3](#) – Council meetings.

Tayside Contracts

The day to day functions of Tayside Contracts, which is a commercial trading organisation of Angus, Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils, are the responsibility of its Managing Director. However, Tayside Contracts staff are employed by Dundee City Council and it is subject to FOISA. Information it publishes is available from the Dundee City Council publication scheme.

Tayside Contracts has its own website:

<http://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/jointcommittee.cfm>

Or contact:

Tayside Contracts
Contracts House
1 Soutar Street
Dundee
DD3 8SS

Telephone: 01382 812721

Email: enquiries@tayside-contracts.co.uk

Other Organisations

Other organisations deliver Council services or work alongside the Council but are not wholly owned by the council, or by a group of councils. Examples include local leisure companies, charitable trusts, or public private partnerships. These organisations are not covered by FOISA.

Organisations in this category include:

Claymore Roads Ltd – A92 Upgrading PFI Company
Robertson Education – Forfar/Carnoustie Schools PPP Project
Angus Community Planning Partnership