

# Getting Involved in the Process

## You Can Participate in the Process of Local Agenda 21 by:

- Contacting community groups in your area. What are they doing to promote sustainable development? Could you join in any of their projects?
- Contacting your Community Council and finding out how they are involved in LA21? Could you help by giving some of your time?
- How about doing some voluntary work? There is a huge range of organisations that need your help. Contact the Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations on (01241) 430349 for more information.
- If you are concerned about the loss of species and habitats, why not get involved with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and help to preserve the diversity of life in Angus for future generations to enjoy. Contact the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership at (01738) 553390.
- Setting up a community project in your area - e.g. organise a litter pick or set up a rota to collect materials from people who can't manage to carry things to the Recycling Centres.
- Sharing your valuable experience with others. Do you have some experience in the field of environmental management, volunteering or are involved in the "caring" professions - perhaps you could share those experiences with others and learn from each other.

## Consultation Programme:

- Angus Council will meet with various agencies / organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, and Scottish Wildlife Trust, to discuss their input to the Local Agenda 21 Strategy.
- The Draft LA21 Strategy is available in libraries and other public offices throughout Angus.
- The Draft LA21 Strategy is available on the Council's website at [www.angus.gov.uk/localagenda21](http://www.angus.gov.uk/localagenda21)
- The Draft LA21 Strategy will be presented at the local Area Forum Meetings so why not come along and give us your views?

The timetable of meetings is listed below:

## Other Related Publications by Angus Council:

- The Environment Strategy
- The Environmental Strategy Action Plan
- Local Agenda 21 Booklet "How you can help build the vision of a Sustainable Angus" (useful, easy-read format, includes tips for a greener lifestyle)
- The Angus Community Plan (in partnership with other agencies) - [www.angus.gov.uk/communityplan](http://www.angus.gov.uk/communityplan)

Date & Time	Area	Venue
Tuesday 29 May 2001 at 7.00 pm	Kirriemuir	Lesser Town Hall
Wednesday 30 May 2001 at 7.30 pm	Montrose	Montrose Academy
Tuesday 12 June 2001 at 7.00 pm	Sidlaw/Newtyle	Birkhill Primary School
Wednesday 13 June 2001 at 7.00 pm	Arbroath	Business Shop
Tuesday 19 June 2001 at 7.00 pm	Monifieth	Seaview Primary School
Wednesday 20 June 2001 at 7.00pm	Carnoustie	Carnoustie High School
Wednesday 27 June 2001 at 7.00 pm	Brechin	City Hall
Wednesday 27 June 2001 at 7.00 pm	Forfar	Forfar Academy Community Lounge



## Deadline for Comments - 31st July 2001

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# Sustainable ANGLUS



## SUMMARY

### Draft Local Agenda 21 Strategy

Angus Council has developed a first draft Local Agenda 21 Strategy for Angus. The main aim of the strategy is to promote sustainable development as a means of improving the quality of life locally, while at the same time, helping to tackle global problems. This leaflet summarises the contents of the strategy and invites you to comment.

## What is Local Agenda 21?

Increasing concerns about the global effects of pollution, overuse of natural resources, and poverty led to the Earth Summit at Rio in 1992, at which more than 170 governments (including the UK) committed themselves to a sustainable future. They agreed that the way forward was 'sustainable development', and to encourage this they initiated a process called Agenda 21 - an agenda for the twenty-first century. More than two thirds of the actions in the Rio Declaration are required to be done at a local level - hence, Local Agenda 21.

## What is Sustainable Development?

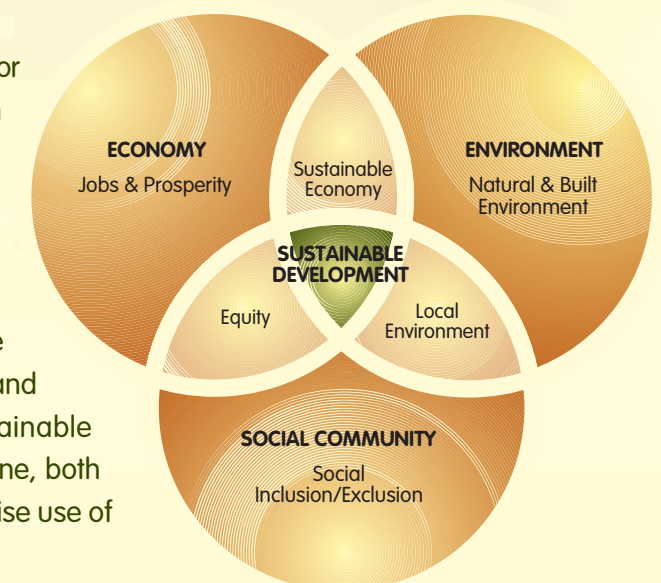
The classic definition of sustainable development is:

*"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". (Brundtland Commission, 1987)*

This means that we must find a way to improve the quality of life for everyone, without using up natural resources faster than the earth can replenish them and, without producing wastes faster than the earth can accommodate them.

**Our current way of life, therefore, UNSUSTAINABLE!**

Local Agenda 21 is a process to help achieve sustainable development. It is about meeting everybody's economic and social needs without destroying the environment. Sustainable development aims to provide a better quality of life for everyone, both now and for generations to come. In essence, it is about the wise use of our economic, human and natural resources.



# The Vision of a Sustainable Angus

*“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”*

*Angus Community Plan*

Working towards this vision requires future actions to be based on the principles of sustainable development, in order that social and economic needs are met in ways that protect and enhance the environment. Sustainable development is a complex idea as it cuts across economic, social and environmental issues. The Local Agenda 21 strategy aims to tackle this complexity by targeting our action under thirteen themes of sustainability - as illustrated by the diagram.

The Local Agenda 21 Strategy will help in the achievement of this vision through its contribution to the Community Planning process and by highlighting actions specifically aimed at achieving sustainable development. The Local Agenda 21 Strategy will expand the Community Plan to include consideration of both our global well being and equity between generations. Local Agenda 21 will add value to the Community Plan and help to make the vision statement “come alive” through the use of the thirteen ‘sustainability themes’.



# Sustainability Aims & Targets

## Some examples

- Recycle 25% of household waste by 2005.
- Reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions by 12.5% of 1990's level by the year 2010.
- A major improvement to the quality of coastal waters by 2002.
- Launch the Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) for consultation in September 2001.
- Develop Local Exchange and Trading Schemes (LETS) with interested communities 2001/02.
- Reduce fuel poverty through energy saving measures under the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA).
- Improve the health of the community in line with national targets.
- Reduce the number of road accidents in Angus to the Scottish average within five years.
- Increase the proportion of people walking to work to 20% by 2011.
- Quadruple cycle use from the 1996 level by 2011.
- Increase rural access to educational facilities.
- Increase the proportion of the workforce with recognised qualifications from 39% to 45% by 2003.
- Implement the Council's Consultation Strategy.
- Under the "Paths for All" initiative, open the first network of pathways around Forfar in autumn 2001.
- Open new Digital Media Centre in Brechin in autumn 2001.
- Pilot a Sustainable Community project within one village or town in Angus during 2001.