

**COMMUNITY PLAN
AND
SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013/16**



Mid Year Progress Report for 2014/15

December 2014

Highlight Report

Economic Development Partnership

The Economic Development Partnership is responsible for four priority areas:

- Supporting Enterprise and Infrastructure
- Supporting Pride in Place
- Supporting Communities
- Supporting Skills

Each area has a number of actions and indicators which help measure progress towards delivering on outcomes.

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Updates are available for the following indicators:

Percentage of Angus covered by broadband speeds of 40-80 Mbps: Working with Scot Gov Digital, Superfast Broadband roll-out in Angus has increased the number of premises with access to Next Generation Broadband to 72%. The initial SOA target of 85% coverage by 2015 has been increased, and it is considered that implementation is on target to meet 93% coverage by end 2017.

% of school leavers moving to a positive destination: The initial data on 2013 school leavers entering a positive destination (94.7%) has already been reported. By the follow up survey in March 2014 this had fallen by 1.7 percentage points (pp) to 93.0%. In comparison, nationally, the proportion of leavers who were in a positive destination in September 2013 was 91.4% and by the follow up survey this had fallen by 1.4pp to 90%. This means that the percentage of leavers from Angus Council reported in a positive destination in March 2014 was 3.0pp higher than the national average.

Tourist numbers: Visitor numbers for Jan-Jun 2014 increased by 0.5% over the same period in 2013, from 490,300 to 492,730, and have exceeded target.

Tourist Expenditure (direct ex VAT, £'s millions): Visitor spend over the six months January-June 2014 has increased slightly to £40.76m as compared to £40.24m over the same period in 2013. Targets have been revised to reflect trend data since 2010, and the target of £42.90m has not been met.

(Tourist data is provided via the STEAM model, which has been adopted for use throughout the United Kingdom. STEAM quantifies the local economic impact of tourism through analysis and use of a variety of information including visitor attraction numbers, tourist accommodation, events attendance, occupancy levels, visitor expenditure levels, transport use levels and tourism-specific economic multipliers. Annual discussions are held to compare Angus data to that of other local authority areas and last year Angus compared well in terms of the percentage increase in visitor numbers.)

Visits to Angusahead.com: The new website was launched in January 2014 and a reduction in visits was expected. There was a 22% decrease in visits to 72,765, compared to the same period in 2013/14 due, in part, to the significant reduction in pages on the website during the redesign and also due to the pages not being picked up by search engines immediately. The target visits for 2014/15 had been reduced accordingly. The time spent by visitors on pages has increased by 15%.

Children's and Learning Partnership

The Children's and Learning Partnership is responsible for four priority areas:

- Getting it Right in Early Years
- Getting it Right for Children and Young People
- Getting it Right for Children with Additional Needs
- Getting it Right for Adult Learners

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It should be noted that there are no updates as yet for attainment data as new National Qualifications were implemented in all Angus secondary schools for S4 pupils in session 2013/2014. In some schools, pupils in S5 and S6 not studying at Higher or Advanced Higher levels are also studying these new qualifications as an alternative to intermediate courses.

Revisions have been made to established arrangements for tracking pupil progress and reporting to parents to reflect the new qualifications. Staff from Angus schools will attend a rolling programme of national implementation events to help them prepare for the introduction of the new Higher level courses in session 2014/2015.

Updates are available for the following indicators:

Proportion of new-born children exclusively breastfed at first visit: 2012/13 is the latest available figure (36.5%) and was a slight reduction on the previous year (36.7%). It also fell short of the target of 37.9%.

Number of young carers identified: The number of young carers registered with Angus Carers Centre has increased by 11.5% over the past six months.

Percentage of looked after children school leavers in positive and sustained destinations: The (corrected) percentage of looked after children school leavers in positive and sustained destinations has reduced slightly from 86% in 2011/12 to 79% in 2012/13 (at initial survey). This has exceeded the target of 63%. The percentage in a positive destination at the follow-up survey was 71%. Both 2012/13 figures are based on a total number of 24 looked after children school leavers in Angus. This figure has been corrected from that reported previously (35%).

% of children looked after away from home in family based placements: The percentage of children looked after away from home in family based placements has slightly increased, from 89.1% in 2013/14 to 92.4% as at September 2014, but has just fallen short of the target of 92.65%.

Number of community based learners having their achievements accredited: 124 Angus Council supported learners have been accredited in core skills by SQA to end September 2014. This is a substantial increase on the full year 2013/14 figure of 105 learners accredited. Dundee and Angus College currently have 220 literacy/numeracy learners.

Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Partnership is responsible for four priority areas:

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Gender-Based Violence
- Home Safety (including Fire Safety)
- Road Safety
- Public Protection

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16 indicators exceeded or met target, including the following:

Number of dog fouling complaints: The number of dog fouling complaints in the first six months of this year has reduced by 12.6% compared to the same period last year. Community Wardens have carried out enforcement action in the worst affected areas and 58 people have been detected and issued with Fixed Penalty Notices compared to 33 for the same period last year. The Community Waste Operative has carried out 11,098 individual clean ups and picked up 82.78 bags of litter. This is a reduction of around 500 on this time last year.

However, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in reports of dog fouling reports during the winter months. This may be due to an increased reluctance of dog owners to act responsibly during the increased hours of darkness in the winter.

Levels of youth nuisance complaints: Youth annoyance calls received by Police Scotland in Angus continue to show a significant reduction on previous year's figures – 11.6% down when compared to the first six months of 2013.

Number of reported antisocial behaviour complaints: The number of reported antisocial behaviour complaints in the first six months of this year has reduced by 15.5% compared to the same period last year.

Proportion of domestic bail checks conducted within prescribed timeframe: Domestic violence remains a high priority issue for Police Scotland. As part of its commitment to victims, great importance is given on victim safety and bail checks on known offenders.

The initial bail check is seen as of particular importance in reinforcing the unacceptability of offending behaviour and the consequences of failure to conform of conditions set by the court. 97.5% of these initial checks are undertaken within the first 24 hours of conditions being set.

Number of fire-related fatalities and casualties: There has been a significant decrease in the number of fire-related casualties in the first six months of this year compared to the same period last year (no fatalities). Four of the six casualties were due to cooking related incidents where the injuries were classes as minor.

Number of people (all ages) seriously injured in road accidents: The figure of 14 for the first half of the year indicates a significant reduction in casualty numbers compared to the previous year.

Rate of group 1-4 crimes (per 10,000 head of population): Groups 1-4 covers serious violent crime, sexual related offences, dishonesties and vandalism. Levels of this offending per 10,000 of the population is well below in the first half of 2014/15 (13%) when compared to the same period of 2013/14. At this time, the overall target for the year remains achievable.

5 indicators fell short of target, including the following:

Number of crimes recorded with an “Alcohol-Offender” aggravator: While crime overall in Angus is reducing across most crime types, the incidence of alcohol being identified as a contributing factor in criminality continues to show an increase. Six months into the reporting year it is unlikely that the full year target figure will be achievable. Alcohol remains the single most common identified contributing factor if recorded crime within Angus.

Number of incidents of domestic abuse/10,000 population: The number of reported incidents reported to Police Scotland during the first six months of 2014 has increased when compared to the same period in 2013. This means the level of reporting per 10,000 of population has also increased significantly. There is increased consistency in the way domestic abuse is recorded by Police Scotland and there may also be an increasing willingness of victims to come forward to report abuse.

Number of dwelling fires reported: Although the number of dwelling fires for this period is above the target, there has been a slight reduction compared to the same period last year. The main cause continues to be cooking activity where pots are left unattended or residual fat/grease in grill pans reaches temperatures that result in ignition.

Community Care and Health Partnership

The Community Care & Health Partnership is responsible for five priority pathways:

- Preventative and Anticipatory Care
- Proactive Care and Support at Home
- Effective Care at Times of Transition
- Hospital and Care Homes
- Services to Support Carers

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10 indicators exceeded or met target, including following:

Number of people with learning disabilities supported into education, training, volunteering and employment: The number of people with learning disabilities supported into education, training, volunteering and employment increased to 254 in the first half in 2014/15 from 209 for the same period in 2013/14. The target has been exceeded.

Number of carers supported: 292 carers actively received one to one support from Angus Carers Centre during the period April to September 2014. This compares to a figure of 420 for the whole year 2013/14.

Number of respite weeks provided for carers: The number of respite weeks provided for carers has increased from 2,197 for April to September 2013/14, to 2,542 for the same period in 2014/15 and the target has been met.

Proportion of 85+ population supported in care homes: The target of 23% for the year end has already been exceeded, with only 22% of the 85+ population now supported in care homes.

Average length of stay in care homes: The average length of stay (in all permanent care home places for those over 65) has reduced from 778 days in 2013/14 to 719 days for the first six months of this year.

3 indicators fell short of target, including the following:

Number of hospital bed days lost due to delayed discharges: The number of hospital bed days lost due to delayed discharges in the first half of 2014/15 has increased by 4%, to 3,820 from 3,657 over the same period last year. This fell slightly short of the target of 3,782 and this could be attributed to one or two people being delayed for more than 28 days.

Number of people with a learning disability living in supported accommodation: Although there has been an increase in people with a learning disability living in supported accommodation, from 73 in March 2014 to 77 in September 2014, the target of 79 has not been met.

Number of acute hospital admissions avoided through prevention of admission (POA): Although the number of acute hospital admissions avoided through prevention of admission in the first half of this year (47) has increased compared to the same period last year (41), the target of 58 has not been met.

A review of the POA scheme is being undertaken by the partnership as part of the Health and Social Care Integration locality approach.

Rural and Environment Partnership

The Rural and Environment Partnership is responsible for three priority areas:

- Sustainable Development
- Environment
- Climate Change

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Updates are available for the following indicators:

% of employment land developed: There was a drop in take up of employment land from 8.85% (4.454 hectares) in 2012/13 to 0.89% (0.45 hectares) in 2013/14. Last year's increase may have been a one-off, with this year's drop reflecting a lack of upturn in the general state of the economy.

Household Waste Arisings per capita (kg): There has been a significant drop in per capita household waste arisings from 523kg/person in 2012 to 467kg/person in 2013. The Scottish average was 471kg/person. (A drop in total household waste arisings from 60,803 in 2012 to 54,258 tonnes in 2013.) There are no specific reasons for the reduction in waste arisings and most likely linked to number of factors such as changing consumer habits, changes to packaging used by manufacturers and economic activity.

Rate of new house building: The rate of new house building has increased from 196 in 2012/13 to 354 in 2013/14. This includes 201 private new build completions and 153 local authority and housing association new build/refurbishments/conversions. Nationally, the first annual increase in new housing supply for 6 years occurred in 2013/14.

Number of Social Housing Completions: After several years of a declining trend, there was an increase to 117 social housing completions in 2013 (compared to 25 in 2012). In the first six months of 2014, there were however only 3 completions (there may be revisions to this data, and seasonal patterns are inconsistent).

% of river water bodies in Angus achieving good ecological status, good ecological potential or above: 36.6% of river water bodies achieved good status or above in 2013, compared to 39.4% in 2012. The change is due to the classification for four water bodies, with two (Burn of Mooran & Alyth Burn) dropping from good to moderate (due to updated hydrology data and new Phosphorous standards respectively), one from good ecological potential to moderate (Noran Water) due to the removal of the heavily modified status (as it is thought the watercourse can achieve good status) and one (Glamis Burn) improving from moderate to good.

Percentage of journeys to work made by public or active transport: The two year average figure for 2012-13, at 20.8%, is slightly higher than the 2012 figure of 18.3%. Margins for error are likely to be such that this does not represent any significant change.