

**COMMUNITY PLAN
AND
SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**



Mid Year Progress Report for 2013/14

January 2014

Highlight Report

Economic Development Partnership

10 of the 17 indicators met or exceeded target.

Of the seven remaining, four cannot currently be assessed against target: although baselines are established, targets relate to future periods.

Additionally, one indicator was not suitable for mid year reporting, and three are awaiting baselines and future targets to be established over the course of the year. These are not included in the report.

Exceeding Target:

% of school leavers moving to a positive destination: There has been a significant increase from 89% in 2011 to 93.5% in 2012 which is well above the Scottish average. Figures for 2013 will be available later this month.

Tourist expenditure: Although visitor numbers have decreased, total direct expenditure (£'s millions) by tourists has increased from £94.85 in 2011 to £101.78 in 2012.

Falling Below Target:

3 year survival of new businesses: Data for businesses started in 2008 (61.9% surviving to 2011) is the most recent available, and represents a significant drop from the previous year (74.3%). Supporting local businesses to survive and grow is a central theme in the new Economic Strategy for Angus. The action plan outlines support around technologies, trade and business land which for the long term should increase survival rates.

A number of initiatives have been underway to support growth within local enterprise. An employer Recruitment incentive has been available which provides employers with a new employee for 6 months with no wage costs. The East of Scotland Investment Fund provides Loan assistance of last resort. High growth companies receive support through the Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise.

Tourist Numbers ('000s): STEAM (Scottish Tourism Economic Activity Monitor) figures are updated on an annual basis - the most recent figure available, for 2012, is 879,000, which was a decrease on 2011 (902,990). However as a mid year update it should be noted that a substantial amount of work is ongoing to develop opportunities around the Ryder Cup, Commonwealth Games, V&A and other local events.

The new Economic Development Action Plan and Strategy have supporting Pride in Place as a central theme. The action plan and targets are currently being developed. A wide range of work is currently ongoing around gaining opportunities from the upcoming events for example Ryder Cup, V&A and Commonwealth games.

Visits to Angusahead.com: Between April to September 2013, visits dropped by less than 1.5% on the same period in 2012 (from 151,130 to 149,099). Website visits to the Angus Glens Walking Festival programme increased by 60% this year but other pages throughout the site received fewer visits. There is no particular reason for this pattern though it could be attributed to the fact that the current website does

not have a responsive design, making it more difficult to read on tablets and mobile devices.

However, there has been a 54% increase in visits from mobile devices and over a 100% increase in visits from tablets. The new angusahead.com website being developed is a responsive design and therefore will cater to visitors using this technology.

The Angus Economic Strategy 2013-20 has been developed in conjunction with the new Community Plan & Single Outcome Agreement, and an action plan is currently being finalised by partners.

The full report is available from <http://www.angus.org.uk/remitangusecdev.cfm>

Children's and Learning Partnership

10 of the 14 indicators met or exceeded target.

Of the four remaining, one cannot currently be assessed against target: although baselines are established, targets relate to future periods.

A further four indicators were not suitable for mid year reporting, and five are awaiting baselines and future targets to be established over the course of the year. These are not included in the report.

Exceeding Target:

% of S4 pupils attaining English & Maths at level 3: There has been a steady increase in attainment levels over the past few years (94% in 2012 and 95% in 2013) and the target set for future years has already been met.

Number of exclusions from secondary/primary school: Over the past five years, there has been a year on year decrease in the number of pupils excluded from school. The number of exclusions from secondary schools decreased from 310 in 2012 to 235 in 2013 (24% reduction). The number of exclusions from primary schools decreased from 75 in 2012 to 36 in 2013 (52% reduction)

New learners of English for speakers of other languages: There have been 67 new learners in the first six months of this year and the target for the whole year (100) is likely to be met. Since April 2013, the community learning and development service has continued to provide community-based ESOL courses in Brechin, Forfar, Arbroath and Montrose. An additional class in Carnoustie has been provided since August 2013.

Falling Below Target:

Proportion of new-born children exclusively breastfed at first visit: 2011/12 is the latest available data (36.7%). Although the target (39.2%) has not been met, the figure is slightly above the Scottish average of 35.9%.

UK UNICEF Community Baby Friendly Accreditation for NHS Tayside community nursing workforce is in its final stage, with staff assessment interviews planned for December 2013.

% of S4 pupils attaining 5+ at level 5: Attainment levels (34%) remained the same as last year but fell slightly short of target (36%).

New National Qualifications have been implemented in all Angus secondary schools for S4 pupils in session 2013/2014. 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 between November 2013 and March 2014 to help them prepare for the introduction of the new Higher level courses in session 2014/2015.

% of children looked after away from home in family based placements:

Although the figure as at September 2013 (90.56%) fell slightly below target (92.65%), there are often small fluctuations on a day to day basis due to children and young people coming into and leaving accommodation.

Proposals for a fundamental review of the kinship care scheme will be brought forward once the implications of the Children and Young People Bill have been clarified. This includes the potential impact that welfare reform could have on kinship carers.

The full report is available from <http://www.angus.org.uk/remitclp.cfm>

Community Safety Partnership

13 of the 23 indicators met or exceeded target.

Of the ten remaining, two cannot currently be assessed against target: although baselines are established, targets relate to future periods.

One additional indicator was not suitable for mid year reporting, and two are awaiting baselines and future targets to be established over the course of the year. These are not included in the report.

Exceeding Target:

Number of incidents of reported vandalism: The trend towards reducing levels of reported vandalism in Angus continued over the six month period to the end of September 2013 – a significant 25% reduction against the same period in 2012 (from 498 to 429). Recorded crime is falling in all areas with the most significant drops in Kirriemuir (19 crimes this year against 61 last year) and Arbroath (129 crimes this year against 181 last year).

Home fire safety visits: In the first six months of this year, home fire safety visits have increased by 5% compared to the same period last year (from 1,816 to 1,975) and 443 smoke detectors have been installed to date.

Proportion of people feeling safe at night: 78% of respondents of the Community Safety Survey feel very or fairly safe in their neighbourhood when they are walking out alone after dark which is a slight improvement on the findings from the 2011 survey (76%) and higher than the average for Scotland as a whole (68%) from the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey.

Falling Below Target:

Number of reported antisocial behaviour complaints: Although the figure (1,430) for the first six months of the year fell slightly short of target (1,396), it is anticipated that the full year target will be met.

A process has been established for any partner agency to call a problem solving meeting where there is early identification of emerging issues.

Number of crimes recorded with an "Alcohol-Offender" aggravator: The levels of recorded crime with an Alcohol-Offender aggravator for the six months to the end of September 2013 (579) is significantly higher than in the same period for 2012 (477). Levels are back to where they were historically pre 2012. Guidance has been reissued recently to Police Officers about the accurate recording of alcohol and other aggravators / modifiers on Crime Reports.

A Christmas campaign is being organised in five towns in Angus as part of the Christmas lights switch-on events. In addition, social media has been developed (Twitter, Facebook) and a mobile app will be launched in January 2014 to raise awareness and influence people's attitudes to alcohol.

Number of incidents of domestic abuse/10,000 population: A total of 598 incidents of a domestic nature were recorded in Angus during the six month period to

the end of September 2013, representing a rate of 55/10,000 (slightly above the target of 52/10,000). Domestic related abuse and other criminality remains a priority of Policing throughout Scotland – including Angus.

Number of dwelling fires reported: With 48 dwelling fires reported, the target for the first half of 2013-14 (38) has not been met. Most of these can be attributed to small cooking incidents. This situation is mirrored across Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has implemented a national media campaign to raise awareness.

Number of fire-related fatalities and casualties: Tragically an elderly female lost her life in a fire in July which was the first fire fatality since November 2011. As a consequence of a high number of injuries in April-June (13), the annual target (17) is unlikely to be achieved.

This is a situation that is being experienced across Scotland due to the following factors:

- Incident Reporting Systems have changed and all persons receiving minor medical treatment are now categorised as casualties.
- A large percentage of fires attended involve elderly/vulnerable people. This means that frequently first aid is administered or assistance of the ambulance service requested as a precautionary step.

Number of children seriously injured in road accidents: In the six month period to the end of September 2013, four children have been seriously injured in accidents on Angus roads. This is already an increase on the 2012/13 full year total (3). Thankfully, the baseline casualty numbers are low which makes it difficult to speculate on any emerging patterns or particular issues around these statistics.

Community Officers are performing road safety talks across Angus Schools and local officers have increased traffic enforcement activity in and around schools and those areas blighted with traffic problems.

Number of adults seriously injured in road accidents: In the six month period to the end of September 2013, 29 adults have been seriously injured on Angus roads. This half-yearly figure would suggest an increase on previous years (42 in 2012/13). The 29 casualties were the result of 20 separate incidents.

Targeted enforcement has been undertaken with a focus on dangerous driving, disqualified drivers, mobile phone offences and those driving without insurance with a view towards casualty reduction. A number of national initiatives pertaining to these offences as well as targeting vehicles and their owners towards ensuring their vehicles are prepared and legal for the coming winter months have been implemented (Operations Get Ready for Winter & Handbrake).

Rate of group 1-4 crimes (per 10,000 head of population): The rate of Group 1-4 crimes (159) for the six month period to the end of September 2013 is in line with historical levels. While slightly higher than the same period in 2012 (154), crime historically falls in the second half of the reporting year and the targeted reduction (287 in 2013/14) remains achievable.

The full report is available from <http://www.angus.org.uk/remitacsp.cfm>

Community Care and Health Partnership

Nine of the 14 indicators met or exceeded target.

Of the five remaining, two cannot currently be assessed against target: although baselines are established, targets relate to future periods.

One additional indicator was not suitable for mid year reporting, and six are awaiting baselines and future targets to be established over the course of the year. These are not included in the report.

Exceeding Target:

% of people waiting less than 3 weeks for alcohol/drug treatment: There has been a marked improvement in the waiting times for alcohol/drug treatment services compared to the same period last year and the national target of 90% of people waiting less than 3 weeks has been exceeded.

- Alcohol services – 86.3% (Sept 2012) to 98.8% (Sept 2013)
- Drug services - 57.4% (Sept 2012) to 98.7% (Sept 2013)

Significant effort has been made within Tayside Substance Misuse Service to align processes to enable quicker access to services.

Proportion of 85+ population supported in care homes: The first six month period in 2013/14 shows a reduction compared to the same period last year (from 24.9% to 23.5%) of people aged 85+ living in care homes.

% of people requiring no care services following enablement: There has been a significant increase in people requiring no care services following enablement from 52.1% in the first six months of 2012/13 to 64.5% for this reporting period.

Falling Below Target:

Number of people waiting more than 28 days for discharge to appropriate setting: Numbers fluctuate on a week by week basis. Although the target (zero) was met over the three months June to August, there appeared to be a sudden increase in September (four) and this will be closely monitored.

Number of people with a learning disability living in supported accommodation: The number (72) falls just below the target of 73. The redevelopment of Kirkriggs Court in Forfar has offered new accommodation for older people with learning disabilities.

An additional 12 units have been commissioned in Forfar and four units in Brechin. Further opportunities for development are to be identified.

Number of acute hospital admissions avoided through prevention of admission: There has been a reduction in admissions prevented (41), as compared to the same period last year (62). Despite further investment via the Change Fund we are falling short of target (112 in 2013/14), and the current pathway for service is under review by the partnership.

The implementation of First Contact has seen improvements in access to all adult services. The pathway will continue to be reviewed as we progress implementation of self-directed support. This will aim to reduce variation and waste across Angus. An approach to winter planning in Carnoustie/Monifieth involving Prevention of Admission will allow a test of change for future options.

The full report is available from <http://www.angus.org.uk/remitcchp.cfm>

Rural and Environment Partnership

Three of the six indicators met or exceeded target.

Of the three remaining, one cannot currently be assessed against target: although baselines are established, targets relate to future periods or have not yet been established.

A further eight indicators were not suitable for mid year reporting. These are not included in the report.

Exceeding Target:

% of employment land developed: There was a significant increase in take up of employment land in the year to June 2013, from 1.24 hectares in 2011/12 to 4.454 hectares. Although this is the highest take up since 2007/8, it is too soon to know whether this will lead to a sustained higher level of development.

Household waste per capita (kg): Household waste arisings include waste collected at the kerbside, from recycling bins at eg supermarkets and collected at local authority drop-off points. There has been a reduction from 535 kg/person to 523 kg/person from 2011 to 2012.

Falling Below Target:

Municipal Waste (MSW) arisings per capita (kg): Municipal waste covers all waste collected by the council, including commercial customers. The figure for 2011/12 (680) fell below the target of 647kg/capita. The commercial customer base will fluctuate and the amount and type of waste can vary depending on the businesses in an area. There has been a national move away from tracking municipal waste per capita to waste only from household sources per capita. This indicator will therefore be replaced by 'Household Waste Arisings per capita'.

Roll-out of new kerbside recycling service for households and commercial premises will commence from March 2014 and is due to be fully rolled out by October 2014. The new service will include collection of food waste and co-mingled dry recyclables. This will enable the council to comply with new zero waste regulations and move towards recycling targets set in the Zero Waste Plan.

An outline business case has been prepared for a residual waste treatment and disposal project. This will involve the formation of a procurement partnership with Dundee City Council and the development of the existing waste-to-energy plant in Dundee so that it can comply with requirements of new waste regulations and meet needs of both councils.

Rate of new house building: There has been a slight increase in the rate of new house building (new build, conversion and refurbishment), from 180 in 2011/12 to 196 in 2012/13. This almost 9% increase contrasts with a 13.5% drop in Scotland as a whole over the same period.

While levels of new house building in Angus have been running at a low level in recent years there is now some cause for cautious optimism, with early signs of a recovery in the property market and increased interest in development sites from house-builders and developers.

Progress toward achieving the key outcomes of the Local Housing Strategy, increasing housing supply, access, choice, and improving housing quality is underway and will be reported in a 2013/14 update.

The full report is available from <http://www.angus.org.uk/remitarep.cfm>