

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 28 FEBRUARY 2017

LOCALITY PLANS

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ABSTRACT

This report updates the Committee on the development of Locality Planning arrangements and outlines the process for finalising Locality Plans by 1 October 2017.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Notes progress to date in the development of Locality Planning
- (ii) Endorses the process planned for finalising Locality Plans

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to all of the local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016. It also links to the production of the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan that Angus Community Planning Partnership is required to publish by 1 October 2017.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Reference is made to Reports 129/15 Planning for Place Proposals, 289/15 Community Empowerment and 351/16 Charrette Programme Update.

3.2 Report 129/15 Planning for Place Proposals set out proposals to hold a series of Locality Planning events during 2015, to establish leadership arrangements for each of the four Angus Localities and to set the development of Locality priorities and plans within the context of wide community engagement and increasing community empowerment.

3.2 The planned Locality Planning events took place between June and October 2015 using an Open Space Technology approach which invited participants to answer a challenge question – what do we need to do together to improve outcomes for people living and working in the locality? The methodology was chosen to allow those who know localities best to identify what would make a positive difference to outcomes for people living and working there.

In addition to the extensive knowledge contributed by participants, drawn from a wide range of partner and community agencies, each event was supported by a Locality Profile containing essential social, demographic and economic data. These profiles were intended to complement the softer data contributed by participants and ground discussions on priorities in reality.

Locality Planning events were generally well supported by Community Planning Partners and by community organisations.

Each Locality Planning event generated a set of between three and five priorities, which reflected the views of those present and participating. These priorities have been progressed to varying degrees and will inform the content of Locality Plans.

- 3.4 The Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board has led the development of its Strategic Plan and related Locality Improvement Plans for each of the Board's four Locality Areas.

The Locality Improvement plans are framed around the Integrated Joint Board's four strategic priorities and seek to make these relevant at a locality level.

- Improving Health Wellbeing and Independence
- Supporting care needs at Home
- Developing integrated and enhanced primary care and community responses
- Improving Integrated care pathways for priorities in care

The priorities set out in Locality Improvement Plans for Health and Social care Localities will be embedded in broader Locality Plans.

- 3.5 The Council has continued to implement its programme of design charrettes focussed on town centres. Charrettes are intensive partner and public engagement events focused on specific communities. To date, charrettes have been held in Arbroath, Carnoustie, Brechin, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose. An eighth charrette is scheduled to take place in the Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council area in Spring 2017 and planning for this is at an advanced stage.

Each of the charrettes has sought to develop a 10 year vision and a related action plan for the area of focus. The vision statements generated have related to both the physical development of communities and related economic and social developments. The charrettes have identified a series of short, medium and long term actions designed to secure achievement of the vision.

The charrette programme has been implemented within the context of the Council and Community Planning Partnership's emerging approach to Locality Planning. They represent one of the ways in which communities and partners have been engaged in dialogue about what is important to Angus communities. Individual charrettes have both informed and been informed by priorities identified through Locality Planning events.

- 3.6 A Locality Leadership Group has been established for each of the four Angus Localities. These Leadership Groups comprise members of the Council's Corporate Management Team and have been charged with the responsibility of leading the production of Draft Locality Plans, which will become the basis of wider engagement and consultation activity.

Locality	Leadership Group Members
Arbroath	Alan McKeown; Ian Lorimer; Kathryn Lyndsay; and George Bowie
Brechin and Montrose	Ian Cochrane; Alison Smith; Sharon Faulkner; Elaine Whittet and Gail Smith
Carnoustie, Monifieth and Sidlaw	Margo Williamson; Les Hutchinson; Stewart Ball; Sheona Hunter; and George Bowie
Forfar and Kirriemuir	Vivien Smith; Pauline Stephen; Mark Armstrong; and Gail Smith

- 3.7 In addition to the charrette programme, the Council and its partners have continued to engage with communities in a wide variety of ways in an ongoing effort to develop a rounded understanding of communities and secure the participation and involvement of citizens in planning for the future of their communities and of public services. This engagement activity has included:

- The biennial Angus Citizen's Survey (2015 is the most recent) – which gathered data on a wide range of topics from a representative sample of the Angus adult population

- Children's and Well-being Research – a survey of children and young people between the ages of nine and 16 years. The findings of this research are being used to inform developments at both a Strategic and Locality level
- Co-investigation – a joint initiative involving Voluntary Action Angus and the Council to engage citizens in a conversation about what it's like to live in poverty and what would make a positive difference
- Community Justice – a Citizen's Panel Survey which sought views on community justice issues, the outputs of which are being used to inform the Angus Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan
- Community Learning and Development – a range of engagement activity and a Citizen's Panel Survey that sought feedback on the priorities for community learning and development in Angus and informed the content of the Angus Community Learning and Development Plan 2015-2018
- Your Budget, Your Choice – a pilot participatory budgeting initiative in Brechin designed to engage citizens in direct decision making on funding to improve quality of life and outcomes in their own community. In addition to being of direct benefit to the community of Brechin, the purpose of this initiative was to develop knowledge and expertise on how this approach to citizen engagement works and can be developed in Angus.

- 3.8 The Angus Local Development was adopted on 23 September 2016. This plan provides the planning framework for the council area and the policy context for the determination of planning applications. It replaces the Angus Local Plan Review.

The Angus Local Development Plan along with the approved TAYplan Strategic Development Plan (June 2012) and Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan (5.4 MB PDF) (Adopted 2015) (including that part of northern Angus which lies within the designated boundary of the Cairngorms National Park) now comprise the Statutory Development Plan in Angus.

- 3.9 Local Housing Strategy

A Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22 has been prepared and is now the subject of public consultation. The Draft Strategy sets out how the Council and partners will achieve the vision to 'create places people are proud to call home'. Three strategic outcomes support this vision which are:

- Increase the supply of good quality, affordable housing across all tenures
- People can access a range of housing options and related services to meet their
- needs
- Improve stock condition across all tenures, ensuring we tackle fuel poverty and
- energy efficiency and contribute toward climate change targets

These outcomes are supported by an action plan which clearly articulates the actions required to achieve the them and sets out when the actions will be delivered, by whom and how progress will be monitored.

- 3.10 In June 2015 the Scottish Parliament passed the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, which received Royal Assent in July 2015.

Part Two of the Act sets out the Scottish Government's vision and expectations in relation to Community Planning, the purpose of which is for public bodies to work together with local communities to plan for, resource and provide or secure the provision of services which improve outcomes in a local authority area with a view to reducing inequalities.

The Act requires that each community planning partnership prepares a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), the first of which must be published by 1 October 2017. LOIPs should be prepared in consultation with community bodies and show how the Partnership will work to improve outcomes for citizens. The LOIP should set out clear and agreed priorities for improving local outcomes and on tackling

inequalities, and demonstrate a robust link between these and the CPP's understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations.

In addition to setting out broader expectations in relation to Community Planning, the Act requires Community Planning Partnerships to prepare Locality Plans which show clearly how it will target resources towards communities which experience poorer outcomes and work to reduce the inequality gap. The rationale behind the requirement to produce Locality Plans is that it will both focus attention and effort on communities that do less well and develop plans at a level at which communities find it easier to engage and participate. Locality Plans must also be published by 1 October 2017.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 Locality Leadership Groups have prepared draft Locality Plans for each of the four Angus Localities:

- Arbroath
- Brechin and Montrose
- Carnoustie, Monifieth and Sidlaw
- Forfar and Kirriemuir

These plans seek to set out high level vision and priorities under the headings of People, Place and Economy. They bring together priorities emerging from the range of strategic and locality planning and engagement activity set out above. They seek to consolidate these priorities in a single plan for each Locality, which links priorities for social, economic and spatial developments and the connections between them.

These draft plans are not finished products. They represent progress at a point in time and the priorities and actions which they contain will provide the basis for further engagement with partners and communities. This further engagement will seek to test the validity of the plans and to build on previous locality planning and engagement activity.

4.2 The Draft Locality Plans provide a strong basis for further work over the next six months. In addition to "sense checking" the plans with community planning partners and communities this work will also be the vehicle through which the plans are enhanced to provide a clear focus on those geographic areas within each Angus Locality which experience poorer outcomes and ensure that the final Locality Plans show clearly how partners will work together to address these inequalities. Locality Profiles are already being prepared which make it possible to identify smaller areas of disadvantage, making use of the most up to date data available. This work is scheduled for completion by April 2017.

5. PROPOSALS

5.1 A range of engagement activity is proposed for the period between March and July 2017, to help ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to further influence and shape Locality Plans prior to their final approval.

5.2 Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP) is holding a consultation and engagement event on 3 March 2017 which will give a wide range of partner agencies and community representatives an opportunity to further develop the draft plans.

5.3 Further Locality Planning events are provisionally scheduled for each of the four locality areas as follows:

Locality	Week Commencing
Arbroath	5 June 2017
Brechin and Montrose	29 May 2017
Carnoustie, Monifieth and Sidlaw	19 June 2017
Forfar and Kirriemuir	12 June 2017

These events will be highly participative and bring representatives from partner agencies and community bodies together to continue work on developing the Locality Plans. The events will build on earlier activity, including the 2015 Locality Planning Events and charrettes, ensuring that the priorities and ambitions articulated by partners and communities at an earlier stage continue to be important building blocks for the final Locality Plans.

- 5.4 When this activity has been completed, Locality Leadership Teams will prepare final draft plans which will be presented to the ACPP Board for approval. The focus of the leadership Groups' activities will then shift to implementation, as well as challenging partners and communities to deliver on the priorities that they have agreed.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications arising from this report. All financial and in-kind support from Angus Council is met from existing budget resources.

7. CONSULTATION (IF APPLICABLE)

The Chief Executive, Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance, Head of Property and Technical Services and Head of Legal & Democratic Services have been consulted in the Preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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