

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

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**ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**REPORT BY HEAD OF STRATEGIC POLICY, TRANSFORMATION  
& PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM**

**ABSTRACT:**

This report presents the final drafts of the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and four Locality Plans as required under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council:

- i. Endorse the vision, priorities, cross-cutting themes and local outcomes for Angus as set out in these plans.
- ii Note that the plans will be submitted to the Angus Community Planning Partnership Board on the 20 September 2017 for approval.
- iii Note that the plans have been screened in terms of the Strategic Environmental Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Appraisal process and have been submitted for consideration to the SEA Consultation Authorities (Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency & Scottish Natural Heritage); and.
- iv. Note that the plans will be published by the end of September 2017.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to Communities Committee Report No. 375/15, Communities Committee Report No. 42/16 and Communities Committee Report No. 351/16.

**2.1 Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan**

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans have been developed with and for the people of Angus. This is the first time this level of engagement (see Section 3) has been undertaken by the community planning partnership in developing its plans and agreeing the priorities for the future.

It is important to have a clear understanding of needs, circumstances and opportunities in order to identify priorities and areas where we can make a difference. This understanding is built on the knowledge, experience and

evidence from people living and working in Angus and has helped us develop plans for the future (this local outcomes improvement plan and four locality plans) which will tackle the things that matter most to people and will make a positive difference to people in Angus.

Communities lie at the heart of community planning: they can and do achieve things for themselves, and we need to build on this and increase the level of influence and control that local people have over the decisions and services that have an impact on their lives. Working together makes it easier to improve outcomes and tackle the inequalities that some people experience.

It is expected that individual agency plans, including Angus Council, will reflect the high level priorities, outcomes and ambitions set out in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as this is the key policy driver for Angus.

## 2.2 Locality Plans

Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 we are required for the first time to develop locality plans and agree the priorities for places where people experience inequalities. In Angus we decided on four locality plans to cover the whole county (Arbroath, Brechin/Montrose, Carnoustie/Monifieth/Sidlaw, Forfar/Kirriemuir) so that everyone has the opportunity to get involved in shaping their own community.

Consultation and engagement over the past few years, and a review of data available at a local level, has identified areas for action in each locality. We will target our efforts and resources to where they will have the most impact on combating the effects of poverty and inequality. Although a locality covers a wide area, specific actions will be targeted to much smaller neighbourhoods.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership, of which the Council is a major partner, has committed to developing a locality approach for the planning and delivery of services and the expectation is for individual agency plans and processes to reflect this.

## 3. ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

The high level priorities, outcomes and ambitions which are set out in the plans have emerged from a wide range of consultation and engagement activity over the past three years. (See table below).

Some of this activity has taken place across Angus, to help us prepare plans and provide services in important areas such as housing, services for children and young people, community safety and community learning. But most of the activity has been local and designed to provide people who live and work in Angus with opportunities to tell us what they know about the place, say what matters most to them and come up with ideas and proposals for making their locality a better place for everyone.

September 2014	<b>Angus Children's and Well-being Research</b> (gathering perceptions about their lives from children and young people)
February 2015	<b>Community Planning Partnership Dialogue Event</b>

	(an enquiry focused on learning and growing empowerment from the bottom up)
March 2015 to May 2017	<b>Locality Events and Charrettes</b> (Intensive period of engagement bringing local people together with service providers)
September 2015	<b>Health and Social Care Locality Development Events</b> (engaging with communities, sectors, staff and partners)
September 2016	<b>Community-led Research</b> (developing understanding of poverty and inequality)
March 2017	<b>Angus Community Planning Partnership Locality Workshop</b> (considering locality discussion documents)
June 2017	<b>Angus Community Planning Partnership LOIP Workshop</b> (considering LOIP discussion document)
April to June 2017	<b>Locality Engagement Programme</b> (gathering views on what matters in localities)

Each of the draft documents can be downloaded from the following link:  
[www.angus.gov.uk/cpplocalities](http://www.angus.gov.uk/cpplocalities)

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with the terms of this report.

#### 5. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies (PPS), including policies. The Draft Plans presented in this report was assessed against this legislation and related Scottish Government Guidance and is considered to constitute qualifying PPS.

In accordance with the requirements of Sections 5(3), 8(1) and Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 the required screening has been undertaken. This concluded that the Draft Plans will have no significant environmental effects requiring SEA to be undertaken. This Screening Opinion has been submitted for consideration to the SEA Consultation Authorities (Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency & Scottish Natural Heritage).

Habitats Regulations Appraisal is mandatory under the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994, as amended. Its purpose is to identify

whether policies or proposals may have an impact on the conservation objectives and qualifying features of any European designated site (Special Areas of Conservation or Special Protection Areas).

The Draft Plans have been screened for likely significant effects on any European designated site. This screening has concluded that the Draft Plans are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site and that Habitats Regulations Appraisal is not required. This screening opinion has been submitted to Scottish Natural Heritage for their agreement.

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

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