



ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK SEPTEMBER 2017

FORFAR/KIRRIEMUIR LOCALITY PLAN 2017	
Comments <i>(Questions 1-8 related to the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan)</i>	Response
Some comments re typos and layout, inconsistencies of terminology and jargon.	These have been addressed.
Q9 - The Vision and Priorities	
<i>"P7 What progress has been made in towns since the charrettes in 2016"</i>	The Plan contains commitments to regular reporting on progress which will include progress on charrettes.
<i>"what about the services that have been cut while council has a surplus in the budget?"</i>	Priorities are about what we are trying to achieve in future – not about existing services. (This is not a council document)
<i>"Digital connections – surely depends on private providers, not Angus Council. Confusing same topic on two pages"</i>	Vision section further clarified
<i>"No mention of Community Empowerment Act 2015"</i>	Reference in LOIP - .decision was taken not to reference any specific legislation, including the act. However the plan clearly addresses the requirements of the act.
<i>"Additional tourism actiities should be explored with communities and community councils as they have the local knowledge to utilise resources and people. Transport links need to be addressed."</i>	Tourism is referenced in the areas of action. There is a reference to improving transport links in rural areas and Lochlands junction.
<i>"Child poverty – this needs to be recognised as an issue when applying to some funders as they use the whole of Forfar figures as their criteria."</i>	Agreed – we need to make good use of data to support funding bids
<i>"these are Angus Council quotes – are they from real people?"</i>	These are all things local people and partners said during a range of engagement activity
Q10 - The Economy	

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<p><i>“There is no how, where, when, who”</i></p> <p><i>“Need more social housing despite the 25% contribution by private providers”</i></p> <p><i>“We will increase visitor accommodation with a focus on accommodation available during large events in the locality – very little the partners can do to deliver this – needs private sector investment, and the private sector needs to believe that there is sufficient return before it will invest.”</i></p>	<p>Locality implementation partnerships will develop detailed action plans. These will involve a range of partners.</p> <p>There is a specific area for action relating to housing.</p> <p>Partners include the private sector, and even where partners cannot ‘deliver’, they are likely to be able to contribute.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Q12 -The Place</p> <p><i>“Under the Place heading - the action is to achieve higher occupancy rates in the town centres. The partnership is not going to be able to achieve this.”</i></p> <p><i>“We will create housing opportunities which help to develop and sustain our communities by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• facilitating new housing, including large scale greenfield residential development at Turfbeg and Westfield in Forfar and land South of Beechwood Place in Kirriemuir</i> <p><i>Will this help to meet any of the 3 headings listed under place – it has the potential to increase carbon footprint by more people taking car trips due to living on the peripheral areas of the town, and there is no mention of the impact that it will have on local schools and services etc.”</i></p>	<p>This is an ambition that can be influenced by a number of partners.</p> <p>These new developments are identified in the local development plan and the likely pressure on services will be dealt with in the planning process.</p> <p>This illustrates the cross cutting nature of areas for action and the need to consider impacts of one development on another.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Q13 - Further Comments</p> <p><i>“Plan does not really have a ‘strategic plan’. No timescales. Lacks evidence and more importantly little recognition of statutory partners such as Community Councils.”</i></p> <p><i>“The outcomes as they are called are not clearly</i></p>	<p>Community Councils are not statutory partners in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland Act 2015). They are, however, part of the ‘community’ that is involved in developing these plans</p> <p>Locality partnerships will develop more detailed</p>

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<p><i>defined and therefore not measurable.”</i></p> <p><i>“...The Community Empowerment Act 2015 has not been mentioned”</i></p> <p><i>“The document keeps mentioning Angus has a ‘good quality of life’. There is a lack of evidence for this or indeed any reference to a document where this factual information can be found.”</i></p> <p><i>“The Engagement Strategy 2015 states these very words and yet not mentioned at all in the document (page 6) or Strategy tree.”</i></p> <p><i>“Lots of areas for action seem to be outwith the Council’s control and not a great deal of new ideas.”</i></p> <p><i>“...links to greener, healthier and stronger outcomes. There was a comment at the locality group that it would show activity across the National outcomes.”</i></p> <p><i>“Letham is included in both Arbroath and Forfar and Kirriemuir locality plans”</i></p>	<p>plans. Communities will be represented directly in these and CCs will have the opportunity to be part of this.</p> <p>The Act is specifically mentioned on p.5 of the Angus LOIP. Both the LOIP and Locality plans have been developed to meet the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>Heading of vision section has been changed for clarity.</p> <p>We have engaged widely with communities in the development of these plans, as outlined in the documents. There are clear commitments in the plan to future engagement and collaboration with communities.</p> <p>This is a partnership plan, not a council plan: even where actions are outwith partners’ control, they will have a contribution to make. This includes communities and community organisations.</p> <p>The diagram seeks to show the relationship between national objectives and local outcomes. This is the approach we have taken in the LOIP and also in the previous SOA.</p> <p>Formally it is in the Arbroath locality although we recognise there are strong links with Forfar for education and other services. Specific reference linked to population data removed from Forfar/Kirriemuir.</p>