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Angus Council Plan - Our Priorities

Angus Council has set out its priorities in our council plan which we update and refine every year. You can find the [current Council Plan on our Council website](#).

We are looking to refresh our plan for 2021 and we recognise that this year has brought unprecedented challenges and difficulties to many of our citizens.

The impact of Coronavirus on the work of the council has meant that some projects we hoped to deliver have been delayed and we think that the priority in which we tackle them has changed. As an example, digital connectivity has become even more important than it already was because technology has been vital for business, education and staying socially connected. Similarly, we know that many families are struggling, either because their business has been affected, their hours of work have been cut or they may even have been made redundant. This means that our citizens will need more support from our welfare and frontline services.

All these factors mean that we may need to refocus our efforts to best support the people of Angus.

To help us with this work, we would like to ask you for your views on where you think that Angus Council should be putting its resources. Please help us by indicating the planned programmes and projects that matter to you. It does not matter if you do not manage to allocate all your points, or if you spend all your points on the first few items. Please submit your choices anyway because this gives us an idea of what's most important to you. There are also plenty of opportunities to make comments along the way too and we will be very interested to hear your views

We have also opened a discussion board at ([link to Social Pinpoint to be added once live](#)) where you can ask questions and get involved in a discussion around the issues that matter to you. We are also going to be offering some times where you can call in to ask your questions. If you have any queries about this process visit ([link to be added once live](#))

To help you make your choices, we think it would be helpful to understand more about where the council's money comes from and how much choice we have on what we spend it on because it's probably less than you think.

More info

Our overall net revenue budget is around £283 million which is a lot of money. Angus Council's budget can be seen in three main sections:

- the statutory - this is money we have to spend, to meet our legal requirements as a council. We cannot change this aspect of our budget spend.

- the essential - this is the money that we spend on services which either support statutory services (like support staff who keep schools running) or are highly important to the people who need the services.
- the important - this is the only part of the budget that we can really change. However, we have already made many savings from changes that effect either not many people or affect many people but not very much. This part of the budget would now have a lot more impact on people if, as we know we will, have to reduce it.
- Another option is to raise more money from non-essential services, such as charging for car parking

Here is a short animation showing you where council money comes from and how we spend it: [Our budget](#)

Privacy policy

Please be aware that Angus Council is required to process personal information in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For more information about this please visit: [GDPR and Data Protection 2018](#)

We will be asking you for the regional locality where you live within Angus. This helps us to put your feedback and priority options into context. We do not ask you for any personal information which would allow us to identify you, nor do we ask our contractor, who is collecting and processing data on Angus Council's behalf, to deliver to us (or accept to receive from them) any online personal identifiers such as IP addresses.

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Our Priorities

Allocate points to indicate the priorities which matter most to you

Points Remaining 30

Points Allocated 0

[Each slider has a scale from 0-5]

Group 1: Our Economy

Slider 1: Help businesses to succeed in Angus

We want to make Angus a great place to do business. To achieve this, we must create the right environment, the right transport links and have the digital infrastructure to ensure that the council helps attract business to Angus who will then stay here. We will achieve this by working with key partners to develop Angus' infrastructure. We will do this by:

- maximising the Tay Cities Deal which will bring £350m of additional resources to the Tay Cities region and create an estimated 6,000 jobs
- use the £26.5 million allocated specifically for Angus from the Tay Cities Deal to start our ambitious Mercury Programme which is focused on:
 - development to support low carbon technologies
 - developing technology for the agriculture sector
 - 'clean' growth (economic growth with little or no environmental impact)
 - develop options for improved freight rail links, including use of the railhead facility in Montrose.
- invest an additional £1.25m over and above the £4.5m allocated in the 2019/20 budget to open the new Zero4 Business Park in Montrose (matched by £1.5m from the Tay Cities Deal Industrial Investment Programme)
- Create and develop the Angus Local Development Plan (Angus Plan) which is a master plan of the Montrose area, making it easier for businesses to expand and locate here.

Impact statement:

We must attract new businesses to Angus to ensure economic prosperity for our residents through skilled, well paid and secure jobs. The best way to secure this is to ensure that Angus can provide what businesses need quickly, efficiently and at the right price. Without the proper funding, we may not have:

- the right locations
- the right transport links
- the right planning policies
- the right funding in place

Slider 2: Invest in low carbon transport and technology

We want to preserve the environment in Angus while supporting transport links and encouraging economic growth.

- We will invest in more electric vehicle charging points across Angus including a Low Carbon Transport Hub at Orchardbank in Forfar located just off the A90 corridor
- We will continue to support the Seagreen development of a wind farm off the coast to Angus, ensuring a future supply of carbon neutral energy

Impact of keeping the points for Invest in low carbon transport and technology the same If we do not act now to build infrastructure (such as more electric vehicle charging points) that supports low carbon growth, we will not be able to make the changes necessary to our transport and energy systems in time to impact on climate change nor will we be able to meet Scottish, UK and World carbon reduction targets, without massively impacting on:

- our economy
- our people
- our environment

Slider 3: Invest in skills and employability, particularly for young people

We will support people who are most in need to move into work or training in growth sectors of the economy. By doing this we will be:

- giving people hope and optimism for a successful future where they can provide for themselves
- meeting the needs of local businesses and encouraging a focus on Fair Work - that is work which is fairly paid, offers holiday and sickness pay and offers long term contracts,
- creating more opportunities for young people, including investing £652,000 to increase the number of apprenticeships in Angus Council across a range of services over three years

Impact Statement:

The main reason for bringing businesses to locate and grow in Angus is to provide fairly paid, skilled and long-lasting jobs for the people of Angus. We need to make sure that our citizens are trained appropriately to benefit from these opportunities. This is especially true for those who:

- are not trained in work in growth industries
- have been unemployed for some time
- are just leaving school and need to acquire skills and experience

Your comments on Our Economy (Optional blank space for comments)

Group 2: Our People

Slider 1: Schools for the Future

We continue to progress Angus Schools for the Future, the council's ambitious 30-year strategy which will develop our learning estate to meet the needs of all our learners and deliver our ambitions for the curriculum. We have included £10 million in our capital plan for 2019-24 with further £30 million planned for 5 years beyond that. We will use this to achieve:

- developing our digital learning and supporting as many children and young people as possible to access this
- creating a 'learning town' in Montrose by investigating more creative uses of council and community buildings for more learning opportunities for a diverse range of learners.
- developing digital and outdoor classroom opportunities.
- investing over £1 million in extending Edzell Primary School with completion winter 2020/21.
- considering alternative options for the Monifieth learning estate

Impact statement:

Impact of keeping the points for Schools for the Future the same

By not resourcing this programme effectively, we will not be able to:

deliver the development of our learning estate

meet the needs of all our learners

deliver our curriculum, preparing our children for the world of work in the future.

Slider 2: Tackling Child Poverty

Since the publication of our Local Child Poverty Action Report in 2018 we have made many changes to the way we are working with partners and our communities. We are working to reduce child poverty by:

consulting and working with our multi-agency working group, the Child Poverty Working group, to develop actions that will make a difference to those experiencing poverty, who need it the most.

providing Holiday Food & Fun –In 2019/20, we piloted access to meals or food vouchers over the school holiday periods for children who would normally receive free school meals. This project, which addressed the real need for these children has been extended in 2020/21.

we propose investing a further £180,000 to address child poverty in Angus. COVID-19 restrictions may mean changes to how we deliver this project but we will continue to work in partnership with other services and external organisations.

Impact statement:

In Angus we have children living in poverty which can have a profound and long lasting impact on their lives. We believe that by helping children out of poverty, we can help them to become healthy, active and valued members of our community.

Slider 3: Invest in the Angus Health & Social Care Partnership (Angus H&SCP)

Angus H&SCP) is one of our key partners and its new strategic plan for 2019 – 2022 has three key priorities:

- Promote the wellbeing of the people of Angus by supporting approaches to prevention
- Support people to be independent for as long as possible

- Shift the balance of care from hospital to home, supporting more people in our communities

The plan shows how the Angus H&SCP will continue to integrate health and social care services and encourage people to improve their health and wellbeing.

Impact statement:

Without investment we may be limited in our ability to:

- invest in more care at home services for those who need support to stay in their own homes
- maintain community based care for those who need it
- continue to integrate health and social care to provide the best services we can offer
- support programmes that encourage people to improve their own health and wellbeing

Your comments on Our People (Optional)

Group 3: Our Places

Slider 1: Invest to increase our recycling rates

We continue to focus on improving our waste services. We set a target to be in the top three councils in Scotland for recycling and we made it to No. 2. Now we want to be the best! To achieve this, we want to create a specialist taskforce to review how we can improve our recycling performance even further. This is important because:

- we must, as citizens of the world, reuse as much as we can
- we want to meet our low carbon targets and disposing of general waste (waste that cannot be recycled) releases carbon
- disposing of general waste is costly for the people of Angus and takes away from other, more positive programmes of investment and development

Impact statement:

Angus is committed to playing its part in protecting the environment. If we did not invest in recycling, we would:

- not meet our low carbon targets which is bad for the environment
- dispose of more non-recyclable material which costs a lot of money
- miss the opportunity to reuse what we can, where we can, to ensure the safety of the planet for generations to come

Slider 2: Invest in our council housing stock and build more homes

Everyone needs a safe, warm, affordable home. In Angus, we have delivered award-winning housing and we are committed to providing homes that our citizens

are proud to call home. We want to invest £86m in the council's housing stock over the next five years to:

- build new, well designed homes
- make our existing homes more energy efficient with the aim of being carbon zero by 2045
- ensure that everyone has fair access to all our homes
- keep the cost of running our homes down for their residents

Impact statement:

We believe that good housing is vital because it has so many important benefits:

- it keeps people healthy and improves wellbeing
- it reduces child poverty
- it keeps people out of fuel poverty
- it allows people to live in the communities where they feel valued, welcome and safe

Slider 3: Invest in our pathways and roads, particularly to encourage active forms of travel

Roads and transport are an essential part of our daily lives. Therefore, we will:

- maintain these services as best we can with our available budget.
- continue to invest in the repair of our roads in urban and rural areas
- work to reduce road traffic collisions in partnership with other public sector bodies and strive towards national targets.
- look to encourage and sustain the significant increase in walking and cycling during the pandemic and the decline in car usage
- create more charging hubs in convenient places to encourage the use of electric vehicles
- ensure active (walking, cycling etc.) and public transport options allow people to feel safe

Impact statement:

A safe transport network is essential for our safety, our economy and the smooth day to day running of our lives. The pandemic has changed the way we use transport, particularly the growth of active methods of transport such as walking and cycling. Without significant investment, we will not be able to reflect these changes, support active travel and support this benefit to our environment.

Your comments on Our Places (Optional)

Group 4: Our Council

Slider 1: Targeting services to those most in need

It is estimated that up to 60% of public service resource is taken up by failure demand – that is failing to address people’s real issue or working on processing people rather than actually helping them. We want to work to reduce failure demand, focusing resource on the people that need it and finding the best way to address their needs. We aim to do this by:

- Creating a more empowered workplace
- Working as a Corporate Team
- Having good information about the needs of our citizens and communicating with them
- Process Improvement

Impact statement:

In Angus we want to change how we deliver services to make them more timely and targeted. We believe this will be the most effective way to improve the lives of our citizens. This will involve:

- training and developing front line staff to take a different approach to problem solving
- supporting communities to work closely with us
- working in a different way with our partners to ensure that we focus on better results for our people

Slider 2: Preserving non-digital methods of communicating with us

Over the last five years, we have been working on making digital services more available. We have been doing this because:

- it allows people to transact with us at a time convenient to them
- it allows us to process more requests more quickly
- it can be more accessible to people with disabilities such as hearing loss, mobility and whose first language is not English
- it takes fewer staff to process digital requests so we are saving money that we can spend on people who cannot transact with us through digital methods

Impact statement:

However, we have had feedback that some people find this a barrier so we would be interested in whether we should continue to be committed to transitioning to digital channels.

Slider 3: Using our spend locally

We spend a lot of money in the course of providing services for Angus. All this spend is very closely monitored and we must make it fair for anyone to do business with us. This means that we cannot preferentially spend money with a company just because they are based in Angus. However, we can support local businesses by:

- making sure that local companies are aware of our needs and helping local suppliers follow our procurement processes

Impact statement:

We want to continue to buy locally where it offers us the best value, to maximise the benefit to the local economy. We will:

- work with local suppliers to help them win more of our contracts
- support the development of local skills and training.

Your comments on Our Council (Optional free text box)