

## **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND EXECUTIVE GROUP JOINT MEETING**

Minute of JOINT MEETING of the ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD and EXECUTIVE GROUP, held REMOTELY on Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 10.00 am.

Present: **JOINT BOARD AND EXECUTIVE GROUP**

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

Councillor BETH WHITESIDE, Leader  
MARGO WILLIAMSON, Chief Executive and Chair  
MARK ARMSTRONG, Depute Chief Executive (from 11am)  
PETER McDONNELL, Service Leader – Justice  
ALISON SMITH, Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth  
SHARON FAULKNER, Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support

### **POLICE SCOTLAND**

No representative present

### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

No representative present

### **NHS TAYSIDE**

Emma Fletcher, Director of Public Health  
Brian Reynolds  
Claire Pearce

### **VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS**

Hayley Mearns, Chief Executive

### **ANGUS ALIVE**

Kirsty Hunter, Chief Executive

### **ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

No representative present.

### **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS**

No Locality Partnership Chairs present

### **ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

No Board representative present

### **ANGUS HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

Gail Smith, Chief Officer

### **DUNDEE & ANGUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

No representative present

### **DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE**

Jaki Carnegie, Vice Principal, Corporate Services

### **SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE TAYSIDE**

No representative present

### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND**

Gordon MacDougall

### **TACTRAN**

Mark Speed

**DWP**  
Laura McMahon

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**  
Tim McDonnell

**ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**  
PETER MORTON, Interim Strategic Policy Manager  
SHELLEY HAGUE, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager, SPT&PSR  
KIM RITCHIE, Strategic Policy and Planning Officer, SPT&PSR  
KAREN MAILLIE, Committee Officer, Democratic Services  
JACQUI SEMPLE, Manager – Risk, Resilience & Safety  
AUDREY MICHIE, Service Leader, Vibrant Communities

**ANGUSALIVE OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

LYNNE HAXTON  
ROSS SMITH

Margo Williamson in the Chair.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed new members to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Superintendent Graham Binnie and Inspector Gary Aitken, both Police Scotland; Steven Low, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; Alan Hope, Service Leader - Locality; Vivien Smith, Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform; both Angus Council; and Emma Jane Wells Chair of Angus IJB.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST (ELECTED MEMBER ONLY)**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minute of the Joint Meeting of the Board and Executive Group of 20 April 2022 was submitted and approved, subject to Article 8 related to the Angus Promise, to replace reference to KH with KL.

**4. COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-2030**

MW in referring to the draft plan, highlighted that this was a timely opportunity for both existing and new members to engage and identify the future years work, and to build on the shared services and multi-agency partnership approach that had been accelerated during the pandemic.

SH highlighted that in developing the draft plan and performance report, she had taken the opportunity to cover both those areas, when taking forward discussions with partners and from the workshop based events held earlier this year.

In terms of self-assessment, on an annual basis, partners were surveyed on the effectiveness and priorities of the partnership, with the improvement plan recognising the opportunity to build, grow and continue to develop a good partnership to support the Angus community.

SH thereafter gave a brief overview of the some of the key findings from the 13 responses received and in referring to the finding that 40% of respondents who had agreed that the current joint board worked effectively there were some comments received that had highlighted a need to move out of the pandemic response phase and to review the overall community planning landscape and governance. In providing a brief background to the previous structure there was now the opportunity

for the partnership to decide whether the structure going forward was adequate or whether there was a requirement for an overarching group to take forward the accountability and scrutiny role.

In response, TMcd highlighted that the partnership brought partners round the table to make decisions and review progress, emphasising that the revised plan emanated from the commitment made by partners. He also referred to recent discussions with SH where a notable gap around economy was recognised and once partners were identified, this would strengthen the partnership going forward, therefore considered that there was no requirement to create an overarching governance group.

In echoing TMcd's comments, EF, also welcomed a streamlined structure approach.

SH intimated that agendas could be reviewed to shift towards including accountability and scrutiny elements, going forward and thereafter provided a brief overview of the three priority focus areas and associated working groups.

JC intimated that seeing the same members round the table provided the opportunity to build relationships, trust and understanding to push forward with the partnership's priorities. She considered that the group was substantial and often some partners were unknown. She also provided some observations and feedback from the Child Poverty and Local Employability Forum event which was held in June 2022.

SH advised that going forward it was proposed that from October 2022, the aim was to have face to face meetings including potential for a hybrid option. The next meeting would also be Margo's last meeting as Chair, before handing over to Hayley Mearns, Vice Chair. Noting the imminent change to the chair arrangements, SH highlighted that there was now a vacancy for the role of Vice Chair, and invited member to lodge expressions of interest as soon as practical.

Noting comments received in terms of meetings format, SH proposed that in person meetings could be arranged to take place bi-annually, in October 2022 and summer 2023.

Thereafter SH provided a brief summary of the remainder of the key findings of the assessment, and thanked those partners who had responded and for those still wishing to take up the opportunity, the deadline date for responses to be submitted to either SH or KR, was no later than 2 weeks from today's meeting.

SH responded to some points raised regarding the lack of available data, particular in terms of the reducing child poverty indicator, data consolidation, and emerging constraints impacting and preventing deliver and the restrictions in terms of funding timescales.

JC in reference to the child poverty agenda suggested that it would be more appropriate for funding to be available to the partnership to drive forward collectively to address issues and priority areas without funding time constraints.

SH emphasised that the new revised plan was an opportunity to reset, reflect and move forward to benefit and make a difference for the Angus community.

In commending the work of SH and her team, MW referred partners to the recent Best Value Audit of Angus Council, produced by Audit Scotland, highlighting that partnership work had been recognised within the Report. In emphasising the strong partnership working, good leadership, also the challenges, impact and response to the pandemic, stressed the importance of not losing sight of the good partnership working, intimated there was now the opportunity to build on this and take steps to collectively progress key priorities and consider utilising resources to continue to develop those strong foundations, moving forward.

In terms of community engagement, AM referred to the Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) and Place Strategy 2022 Report that had been considered by Angus Council on 10 March 2022, highlighting that approval have been given to collate data and evidence of need in Angus communities and that a further report would be submitted to Angus Council in October taking forward the Place Strategy proposal and Locality Place-based plans, for approval.

The aims of PBIP was to ensure that all place-based investments were shaped by the needs and aspiration of local communities and accelerated ambitions for place-making, 20 minute neighbourhoods, town centre revitalisation, community-led regeneration, inclusive growth, local resilience, community wealth building and worked towards Net-Zero targets.

She also provided a brief overview of the partnership working and discussions that had been progressed with NHS, Scottish Government, Improvement Service and Public Health colleague thus far.

Thereafter outlined the proposals to carry out engagement and consultation with community groups and Angus Council services during the summer period, emphasising that this would be a light approach process, given that there had been considerable engagement and consultation carried out under the Charrettes programme in 2015. In reference to the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, she intimated that there was now some key information being brought forward. Noting the partnership working with Police Scotland and early discussions ongoing with AHSCP, she indicated that it was proposed that a partner event would be held on 30 August 2022, with invites to be issued in due course. There was also proposals to provide training to key partners so as to empower partners to carry out place based events to further enhance engagement work going forward.

Also highlighted a key focus to consider was around how to deliver actions into areas of most need, to explore fundings streams, and to also identify spend going forward and a worthwhile point to note, was that this was a five year funding programme which would allow the Council to work with communities to develop projects over that period.

EF welcomed the update and extended the knowledge and support of public health to this project, thereafter AM highlighted that conversations were progressing and continuing, and the next stage would expand opportunities to connect and move forward together to focus on key priorities.

SH advised that in terms of the indicators, there would be reference to the Scottish average in the final version of the report.

In conclusion, SH referred to the performance report and confirmed that there was still the opportunity for partners to provide feedback, no later than 2 weeks from today's meeting, by emailing either SH or KR. She also extended the offer to meet with partners and their teams to discuss the Community Plan also.

## **5. CONSULT – ACTION – TRANSFORM RESEARCH**

HM provided a verbal update and confirmed that VAA and other partner organisations had taken up the opportunity and applied for Community Recovery Funding (Tranche 2), highlighting that the aims of the fund programme was to provide support to communities and tackle the challenges arising from the pandemic.

HM shared a presentation around the independent research undertaken, highlighting that the research was community led, and that the reasons for this, was as a result of the community response received during the pandemic, therefore it had been considered appropriate to implement the research with a co-design approach with the community, groups and individuals.

Research areas included:-

- What was the impact of COVID-19 on communities in Angus;
- What could be learned from communities/organisations that responded to the pandemic;
- How lessons learned could inform and develop services; and provide support on tackling issues arising from the pandemic.

In taking forward the research, the methodology included: distribution of survey which received 264 responses, focus groups held (virtual and face to face), also included a request to partners organisation working solely with children and young people, to capture their views.

Responses to the survey highlighted:-

- Impact - 52% indicated that their mental health was impacted; and 40% were more anxious.
- Community support/involvement should include - Family/friends; Angus Council; community groups/charities, and education providers.

HM emphasised that the community planning partnership had a key role to ensure that communities received the support when it was required. Also referred to the good collaborative partnership work undertaken throughout the pandemic, and regardless of employer, intimated that community planning partners should now focus on ensuring we do the right thing for the communities, that we serve.

It was proposed that a full report would be brought forward in due course that would allow partners to focus on and drive forward the outcomes.

In terms of service design, HM confirmed that the FCLA work was progressing and would build on 'my street volunteering' approach. Also highlighted that the Children and Families Leadership Academy were considering how they could develop a 'buddy' system across localities, and in terms of referral pathways intimated that some tests of change were longer in term.

Referring to the test of change, HM confirmed that work would be progressed with children and young people so as to include and involve them in the service re-design process, also in terms of referral pathways, raised that in terms of reducing the barriers for people that were previously considered hard to reach, emphasised that the pandemic and the cost of living crisis had highlighted that families not previously known to services, were now requesting support and assistance.

A brief overview was provided in regards to a separate pilot that would deliver mobile services across the community and that findings would be reported in due course.

HM advised that to move forward required a whole system approach and also appropriate to the aims of the funding programme and would be an opportunity, once the final report was published, for the partnership to continue to work together to the benefit and the needs of the community.

A launch event would be held in mid-August and extended the invite to partners to attend; with development sessions to be arranged thereafter to follow up on the work to be taken forward.

It was anticipated that the Report would be brought forward to the next meeting of the partnership.

## **6. SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FRAMEWORK ANNUAL REPORT**

There was presented the Sport and Physical Activity Framework Annual Report.

Lynne Haxton, Team Leader provided a background overview of the Report.

Ross Smith, Acting Adult and Community Physical Activities Lead thereafter provided an informative presentation to the partnership in respect of the Sport and Physical Activity Framework Annual Report.

The framework was guided by the six Active Scotland outcomes as follows:-

- We encourage and enable the inactive to be more active;
- We encourage and enable the active to stay active throughout life;
- We develop physical confidence and competence from the earliest age;
- We improve our Active Infrastructure - people and places;
- We support wellbeing and resilience in communities through physical activity and sport; and
- We improve opportunities to participate, progress and achieve in sport.

Thereafter, RS highlighted the key areas of success in year 1; the detailed priority areas for year 2 and referred members to the case studies outlined in the Report.

In progressing with the framework, he intimated that whilst there were a number of partners already involved emphasised the need for other departments and partners to become actively involved to help support the continuation and progress of the framework's key aims and priorities.

MW also sought further information in terms of the activities to reduce inequalities, particularly related to child poverty. RS provided a brief update on the Active Schools work being delivered and also highlighted the Changing Lives project which had funded the Ladyloan without limits project that would support those pupils facing the most barriers to access an active lifestyle. Also in partnership with Angus Promise group, highlighted the priority to increase the number of care experienced children and young people into sport and physical activities.

MW noted and highlighted the good collaborative work approach.

TMcd highlighted the advantages of linking more clearly with partners outcomes and work programmes that would provide for significant health benefits in future.

RS outlined the position in going forward into future years in terms of cross collaboration with colleagues and partners to work together to support the framework. Also highlighted the partnership working and continued support from Ashely Henderson and other NHS colleagues.

GS highlighted the requirement to strengthen the network and also focus on long term behaviour change to improve public health and reduce health inequalities and in that regard, suggested that RS should connect into AHSCP by making arrangements to contact Dr Alison Clement and Sally Wilson.

KH in regards to the health and wellbeing test of change, intimated that ANGUSalive in partnership with AHSCP and Angus Council were in the process of recruiting a programme manager to deliver the pilot programme aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Angus citizens. In reference to the work undertaken by LH and RS and the team within ANGUSalive, and key partners involved in the development, implementation and the driving forward of the framework, into future years, emphasised the necessity to connect together to support the prevention and intervention agenda including the management of long term conditions, and recovery from illness and injury.

Highlighting the key factors of the new role, and also the collaborative working, both locally and nationally, stressed there was a real focus to engage and work collectively going forward.

She thereafter commended the work undertaken by LH, RS and AG, ANGUSalive, and other partners who actively participated in leading workstreams to drive forward to deliver the real change for Angus citizens.

MW thanked LH and RS for their informative presentation and in terms of feedback received, anticipated that further connections would now be initiated.

## **7. RESILIENCE UPDATE**

JS provided a verbal update and in referring to the traditional work around community resilience indicated that the group were working to shifting the focus to being more around sustainable communities and groups, which following up on the work that brought communities together, during the pandemic. The Community Resilience Group had been reinvigorated and were working towards a more communities led approach. In reference to the Events Organisers Network, confirmed that there was a clear identified need to develop a training course that would provide the knowledge and upskilling to empower the community groups to deliver and take control.

In terms of the wider local community resilience partnership work advised that the current workplan had been reviewed and priorities updated. A number of areas of concerns were highlighted in terms of addressing the pre pandemic work, capacity issues, and the need to consider a more collaborative approach including utilising and sharing resources. An update report would be presented to the Community Resilience Partnership Group in due course.

Nationally, the UK Resilience Strategy due to be published in June would now be published in September 2022.

JS provided an update on the debrief on the work being progressed across Scotland and also at Scottish Government level to drive change and learning that would progress the best model of integration, going forward, in future. Also highlighted, was there continued to be high levels of COVID cases, hospital admissions, and increased levels of staff absence. In referring to the recent Improvement Service workshop, attended by key Angus staff, advised that the Improvement Service had provided excellent feedback on the work of and in progress in Angus.

In regards to the Ukraine position, highlighted the huge implications for Scotland following the recent suspension of the sponsor scheme given that there were considerable numbers of refugees still currently in the system awaiting to be assessed, matched and allocated accommodation.

Locally, in Angus, there were currently 120 guests and that hosted property, vetting and disclosure checks were completed or at near completion stage. There were 215 expressions of interest to host applications received which were being progressed. Welfare Right Team were continuing to progress the initial crisis and hardship payments with 90 meetings taking place across services to date. In terms of the scale of work involved, advised the recent appointment of two temporary co-ordinators appointed to progress and address the work going forward. Co-ordinators and operation groups were also in placed to monitor and address progress.

She also provided an update on the Dundee position in terms of potential contingency arrangements and that options were currently being explored to consider Dundee as a prospective welcome hub, highlighting that should Dundee be the preferred choice, that this would also result in additional resource and capacity demands for a number of service areas. Meantime, Angus, in going forward would continue to engage with Dundee colleagues to support requirements, as necessary.

#### **8. RISK REGISTER**

SH intimated that the risk register would be updated to include risks related to the cost of living crisis and staffing issues, particularly related to Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

#### **9. AOB**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 27 October 2022 at 10am and that this would be an in person/hybrid meeting. Further details to be advised in due course.

SH in referring to the upcoming changes to the charring arrangements invited members to consider expressing an interest in the position of Vice Chair.

#### **10. PAPERS FOR NOTING – Various Authors**

The following documents were circulated for noting:-

Employability Partnership Minute  
Community, Learning and Development Plan 6 Month Update