

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 14 MAY 2002**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING IN ANGUS - HEALTHY, SAFE AND CARING  
COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

**Report by the Chief Executive**

**ABSTRACT**

This report sets out suggested new partnership arrangements to deal with issues of healthy, safe and caring communities within the context of community planning in Angus.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:

- a) Approve the new partnership arrangements as set out in this report and appendix 1, as they relate to the subjects of healthy, safe and caring communities in Angus.
- b) Nominate five elected members to serve on the partnership forum.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Elected members will be aware that Angus Council has taken the lead in developing community planning with its partner agencies in Angus.

The Angus community plan has within it five themes underlined by three principles. These are as follows:

**a) Themes**

- i) The Economy
- ii) Lifelong Learning
- iii) Healthy and Safe Communities
- iv) Caring Communities
- v) The Environment

**a) Principles**

- i) Sustainable Development
- ii) Active Citizenship
- iii) Social Inclusion

The Angus community plan sets a long-term direction for ten years, with an annual review and opportunities to respond to progress and changing circumstances. There are of course many plans which have been produced by public sector organisations, but at present they are generally not as wide ranging as the scope of the community plan. These plans and agreements have influenced the preparation of the Angus community plan and indeed that community plan provides a framework for other plans, e.g. providing a strategic focus for Angus Ahead, the area promotional campaign.

The Angus community plan was launched on 13 December 2000 by the Provost of Angus and emphasises the crucial role of partnership between all the agencies having responsibilities to Angus and its communities.

Community planning in Angus was initiated at a large meeting in June 1998 and at that time a steering group was established to take the process forward. The steering group has developed over the years and includes senior representatives from Angus Council, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, NHS Tayside, Communities Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations, and Tayside Police. The steering group has, for some time, considered the appropriate partnership arrangements to take forward the various themes set out in the Angus community plan, and the following has been agreed:

- The Economy - Angus Economic Development Partnership
- Lifelong Learning - Angus Community Learning Partnership
- The Environment - The development of Angus Environmental Forum

This particular report deals with the remaining themes, namely:

- Healthy and safe communities and
- Caring communities

### **3. PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

It is suggested that the healthy, safe and caring themes of the Angus community plan, be overseen by an Angus healthy, safe and caring partnership with the following representation:

- a) Angus Council - five members
- b) NHS Tayside - two representatives
- c) Angus Health Care - two representatives
- d) Tayside University Hospitals Trust - one representative
- e) Communities Scotland - one representative
- f) Tayside Police - one representative
- g) Tayside Fire Brigade - one representative

The suggested remit for the group is set out in Appendix 1 to this report

This is the same group that is referred to in the report related to Joint Futures which is also being considered by the Policy & Resources Committee.

It is suggested that this group be supported by a joint Chief Executive/Chief Officers' Group which would oversee the work of five broad partnership bodies, as follows:

- i) Angus integrated health services reference group (to be succeeded by an acute health services group)
- ii) A public health and community safety partnership group
- iii) A drugs and alcohol action team
- iv) A community care group (to incorporate Joint Future arrangements)
- v) A children's services partnership group

Draft remits for the above five partnership groupings are at various stages of development and will be submitted in due course to the Policy & Resources Committee. These various partnership arrangements and remits are of course the subject of discussion amongst the various agencies concerned. The proposed structures are set out in Appendix 2. Each group will require to take into account the three underlying principles of the Angus Community Plan, namely, active citizenship, social inclusion and sustainable development.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

It is suggest that the Policy & Resources Committee approve the various arrangements as set out in this report, recognising that these will be required to be the subject of negotiation/agreement with other partners involved in the community planning exercise. Members are asked to note that this group is an inter-agency group and differs from our own Member/Officer Groups who are established to consider issues from a purely Angus Council perspective.

#### **5 CONSULTATION**

The Director of Social Work, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection, Director of Housing, Director of Roads, Director of Planning & Transport, Director of Law & Administration and Director of Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

#### **6 HUMAN RIGHTS**

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

#### **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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Chief Executive

**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 this paper.**

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