

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2002

CITY OF BRECHIN PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY PLANNING

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the development of the City of Brechin Partnership, which has arisen from the local community planning process.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- a) Notes the establishment of the City of Brechin Partnership
- b) Notes the election of office bearers of the Partnership
- c) Notes the list of issues identified in the attached appendix

2. BACKGROUND

At its meeting in October 2001 (Report No. 1218/01) the Policy & Resources Committee instructed officers to develop, in consultation with all interested parties in the Brechin area, a partnership agreement based on the revitalisation of Brechin city centre.

Following that instruction, a draft partnership agreement and draft consultancy brief to investigate opportunities for the development of Brechin city centre were widely consulted upon.

The City of Brechin Partnership

A City of Brechin Partnership has now been established, with an initial membership of 28 local organisations.

At a meeting on 23 April, a list of issues (attached) was submitted and the following office bearers were elected:

Chairman:	Ruth Leslie-Melville
Vice-Chairman:	Anne Mitchell
Secretary:	Graham Malcolm

(Members are asked to note that the services of council officers were offered to provide the secretarial role, including generic guidance and advice.

This offer was declined by the Partnership.)

Treasurer: Ian McFatridge
Publicity Officer: Richard Carr

The overall objective of the Partnership is to encourage representatives of both the public and private sector to act together to develop the economic potential of the City of Brechin.

The Partnership's focus and activities therefore will be on a market-led approach to meeting the needs and aspirations of the local community and visitor.

The Partnership's specific objectives therefore include:-

- (i) the development of a vibrant heritage, cultural and visitor economy within the City of Brechin,
- (ii) providing a high quality local shopping centre/enhance the quality of the local shopping centre,
- (iii) develop activities within the City of Brechin which will complement the work being undertaken at Pictavia and Brechin Castle Centre,
- (iv) protect the integrity of the Heritage of the City of Brechin

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications from this report, although members should be aware that if consultancy work is to be embarked upon then a further report(s) with financial implications will be brought forward.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Right implications arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Directors of Law & Administration, Finance, Property, Cultural Services and the Director of Information Technology as the lead officer for decentralisation arrangements in the Brechin area have all been consulted during the preparation of this report, as has the Economic Development Manager.

A B Watson
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 upon to any material extent in preparing this report.