

ANGUS COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: BUSINESS PLAN**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Abstract: A Business Plan for the Department has been prepared as part of the Council's Strategic Planning Approach. The Plan sets out the main activities and priorities of the Department.

1. A Business Plan for the Department has been prepared and a copy is attached. The context for the Plan has been provided by the external pressures upon local government, the Council's strategic approach and the range of relevant statutory duties. Notwithstanding the constraints, it is considered that the measures set out in the Business Plan will make a significant contribution to the Council's overall aims. It is acknowledged in the document that the Business Plan has been prepared quickly and early in the life of the Department. It is important that it is regarded as a starting point and that there is flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.
2. While the Business Plan is presented in respect of the three main Sections of the Department, there are strong linkages between their activities and this is recognised. In this context, the following are regarded as the key priorities for the Department:
 - the production of a Local Plan for Angus;
 - the preparation of an Economic Development Strategy
3. Both of these measures are inter-related as it is important that proper provision is made in the local plan for land, for business and industry and an up-to-date local plan will contribute significantly to the development control service.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Business Plan be approved as providing a basis for the work of the Department.

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 the above Report.

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