

ANGUS COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report provides Elected Members with information regarding the finalised Angus Community Plan.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee welcome the production of the 1st Angus Community Plan.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Angus Community Plan, which was launched by the Provost of Angus on Wednesday 13 December in Angus Conference Centre, Angus College, Arbroath, sets out a vision for Angus over the coming ten years. This emphasises the crucial role of partnership between all of the agencies having responsibilities to Angus, and its communities.

Community Planning in Angus was initiated at a large meeting in June 1999, and at that time a steering group was established to take the process forward. The steering group includes senior representatives of Angus Council, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Tayside Health Board, Scottish Homes, Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations, and Tayside Police. The group has now completed its initial task with the development of the first Angus Community Plan. The planning process involved input from many agencies and community organisations, who provided valuable responses to the draft consultation document.

The Angus Community Plan is a strategy document which sets out five themes which require joint working across organisational and professional boundaries: The Economy, Lifelong Learning, Healthy & Safe Communities, Caring Communities and The Environment. Underpinning all of these themes are the three principles of Sustainable Development, Social Inclusion and Active Citizenship.

It is hoped that the progress made so far will encourage other agencies to take a more active part in the development of community planning in Angus. The longer-term proposals for local community plans to be developed in each of the Angus burghs, is an opportunity for local people to influence the thinking of all those who have service responsibilities in Angus, not only the local authority. Perhaps it will also help local people to identify ways in which they themselves can make a difference in their own communities.

A copy of the final Angus Community Plan is attached for Elected Members use and information.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Right implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

All Chief Officers have been consulted during the preparation of this report and the preparation of the plan itself.

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 on to any material extent in preparing this paper.