

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2009

ANGUS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
DRAFT ANGUS COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY  
2009-12

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**ABSTRACT:**This report informs members of the draft Angus Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for 2009-12. This draft strategy builds upon the previous Angus Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2005-08 and brings together the broader community safety and antisocial behaviour agendas.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that the Neighbourhood Services Committee:

- (i) approves the content of the Draft Angus Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for 2009-12 (copies will be available in the Members' Lounge).
- (ii) agrees to the publication and launch of the strategy.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

2.1 Antisocial behaviour has been a focus for Scottish Government since the launch of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act in October 2004. Although this approach and new legislative measures were welcome, considerations surrounding the broader community safety agenda were overshadowed.

2.2 It is recognised that community safety and antisocial behaviour are intrinsic issues. The development of the Concordat between the Scottish Government and Community Planning Partnerships afforded an ideal opportunity to renew our business approach in respect of these two important areas and has enabled us to identify priority issues and local and national outcomes.

2.3 Although much has been achieved in Angus over the last four years, this fresh approach in delivering community safety and tackling antisocial behaviour now will allow the Community Safety Partnership to target our combined resources effectively for the benefit of all communities in Angus. This combined draft strategy outlines the partnership vision for the next three years to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit our communities.

**3. STRATEGIC AIMS**

3.1 The draft strategy is underpinned by three key aims:

- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Enforcement and Support
- Community Engagement

3.2 A delivery plan has been developed based on the aims identified above. In addition, a set of indicators and targets have been agreed by the Partnership in order to monitor the progress of the issues identified in the draft strategy.

3.3 **Priority Issues for Angus**

3.4 A new Angus Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment was undertaken earlier this year to identify the key priority issues to be addressed in 2009/10. The assessment provides an analysis of the five principal issues identified as having the greatest impact on community safety in Angus. These are:-

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Public Protection and Safety
- Road Safety
- Terrorism & Community Tensions

3.5 The strategic assessment provides a clear direction for the Angus Community Safety Partnership and has informed the production of this draft strategy. It has also helped determine local outcomes for the Partnership's delivery plan and performance management framework, both of which are incorporated into this draft strategy.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The draft Strategy is compliant with the provisions of Human Rights Act 1998.

#### **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The issues dealt with within this report have been subject of considerations from the equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

#### **7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus;

- Communities in Angus are safe, secure and vibrant.

#### **8. CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**RON ASHTON**  
**DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**Hsg/NS/AMCK/ID**

**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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

**EQUALITY SCREENING**

**Policy Control Document**

**Name of Policy, Procedure or Report** Angus Community Safety & ASB Strategy 2009-12

**Lead Department/Service** Neighbourhood Services

What is the aim of the policy, procedure or report?

To ask that elected members ratify and adopt the Angus Community Safety & Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2009-12 as produced by the Angus Community Safety Partnership.

Is this a new or a review of an existing policy, procedure or report?

This is a new report.

**Screening Process**

Has the policy, procedure or report already been assessed for its impact on people from different racial backgrounds, people of different genders and people with disabilities.

Yes  No

**If Yes**, unless there have been significant changes, no further action is required. Please sign and date immediately below and retain for reference.

**If No**, does the policy, procedure or report involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs?

Yes  No

**If yes, proceed to Step 1 of the Full Impact Assessment on page 2.**

If no, please state why not

**If no, The policy, procedure or report is not relevant and no further action is required.**

Please sign and date immediately and keep for reference

**Name:** Isla Davidson

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 11 August 2009

## FULL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### Step 1

Are there any statutory legal requirements affecting this policy, procedure or report? If so please describe.

The strategy document is bound by legislation surrounding antisocial behaviour arising from the Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004. Our strategy outlines the legislative intervention and points to the Angus Antisocial Behaviour Policy for information on how these interventions are delivered in Angus.

### Step 2

What data/research is available to assess the likely impact of the policy, procedure or report.

This is the second strategy which covers antisocial behaviour issues for Angus, the first being published in 2005 and running to 2008. During the lifetime of this document, two customer community safety surveys were carried out to measure the impact of the strategy tenets on the communities of Angus. The outcomes of these surveys were considered in the production of the current draft.

### Step 3

Is there any reason to believe the policy, procedure or report could affect people differently due to their race or disability or gender? If so how?

Race                      Our published service standards for dealing with complaints of ASB (which are referred to in the strategy) note that an ASB complaint of harassment or discrimination (on grounds of race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or age) is the highest priority for Angus Community Safety Partnership, with an expected service standard of 1 working day and referral to Tayside Police.

Disability              As above

Gender As above

### Step 4

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the policy, procedure or report could unlawfully discriminate against people? If so, how?

There is no evidence that the report or accompanying strategy could unlawfully discriminate against people.

### Step 5

Can the policy, procedure or report be seen to favour one section of the community

Yes  No

or deny opportunities to another?

Yes  No

If yes, please give details.

As referred to in Step 3, it may be perceived by the wider community that complaints of ASB with a diversity issue element will be given preference over other complaints of ASB. However, to date there have been significantly few ASB cases which have had a diversity issue element within Angus.

### Step 6

Does the policy, procedure or report advance equality?

Yes  No

Or restrict equality?

Yes  No

If yes, give details

**Step 7**

Are there any other actions which could have been taken to enhance equality of opportunity?

If so please state

The Angus community Safety Partnership will continue to carry out surveys as regards community safety issues in Angus and will consider the extended use of customer satisfaction feedback when devising future plans and policies.

**Step 8**

Based on the work you have done, rate the level of relevance being allocated to this policy, procedure or report.

High  Medium  Low  Unknown

**Step 9**

If during **Steps 3 - 6** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider if any adverse impact can be justified.

Yes  No

If yes please give details.

The Angus Community Safety Partnership has deemed cases of ASB with a racial, sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or age element of the highest priority when investigating complaints. This is in line with the policies of partner agencies such as Tayside Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue.

If no, consider alternative ways of delivering the policy, procedure or report to minimise negative impact or eliminate unlawful discrimination. Give details of the changes to be made to the policy, procedure or report.

**Step 10**

Do you need to carry out a further impact assessment?

Yes  No

If yes, what actions do you need to take

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**Step 11**

Make arrangements to monitor and review the impact assessment.

i) Who will be responsible for monitoring?

Isla Davidson, Community Safety Officer (Strategy)

ii) How will it be monitored and analysed?

Will be reviewed and monitored as part of the ongoing monitoring process for the strategy.

iii) How often will the policy, procedure or report be reviewed and by whom?

The strategy is reviewed on an annual basis.

**Step 12**

Publish results of the Impact Assessment.

How will the results be recorded and reported?

The impact assessment results will be recorded on the Joint Services Team systems and reported alongside our reporting of the outcomes of the Angus Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Strategy

**Completion of impact assessment:**

Please sign and date immediately and forward to your designated Policy Impact Assessment Co-ordinator.

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 11 August 2009

**For additional information and advice please contact:**  
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