We’re prepared for the bad weather – are you?

Get ready for winter

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Thanks to funding from the council, communities across the county are being supported to realise their ambitions and aspirations. Turn to P6/7 to find out more.

The new pilot kerbside recycling scheme has certainly been a big talking point among Angus residents. There’s been lots of positive feedback, but also lots of questions. The bottom line for the council, like all authorities across the country, is that we need to find new and innovative ways to deal with ever-increasing amounts of waste. Find out more on P8/9.

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Kinloch housing project ready ahead of schedule

The innovative new care centre and supported housing project at Kinloch in the heart of Carnoustie is due to welcome its first tenants.

The project is part of a long-term strategy to transform the housing and care available for older residents, enabling them to lead the most independent life possible.

The building and fitting-out works are due to finish in mid-October, almost two months ahead of schedule, with staff and residents moving in at the end of November.

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Your voice aids budget setting

Your comments directly influenced the council’s budget this year. More focused consultation is on the way.

Managing the council’s finances is a year-round exercise but, in the run up to Christmas, a huge amount of work is done to prepare the next year’s budget.

The position in Angus is still better than in some other areas of the country but we are nonetheless looking at having to make savings of around £7 million.

In 2010, we highlighted that we needed to deliver £23 million of savings by 2014. Since then, we have been working towards that by improving efficiency, reducing staffing costs, increasing income and having more focused services.

Last year, we delivered savings of £6.5 million and we did so with the least impact possible on the essential services that we all rely on.

We delivered as much as possible through efficiency savings and we have also reduced our staffing costs by £6.5 million.

In previous consultations, you gave us a very clear indication of which budget proposals you supported and, as importantly, those you didn’t.

Your comments directly influenced budget setting and they will also inform the upcoming budget process. For example, you opposed a reduction in road maintenance, so that proposal was dropped and it will not feature in the coming year’s budget.

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out a more focused consultation exercise. Face-to-face interviews are being done with a sample of residents across Angus.

This will give us a much more detailed picture of your priorities, which will help inform our longer-term service and budget planning.

In the meantime, work continues to get our services and our structures in the best shape possible.

The council has recently decided to streamline its senior management structure. From April 2013, the existing five service departments will shrink to three: People, People, Communities and Resources.

The reduction in the number of top tier posts alone will deliver initial savings of around £650,000 a year, rising to £380,000 after two years.

We will bring you more news about these new departments and the 2013/14 budget in the summer edition of Angus Life.

YOUR LIFE

The new £9 million sports and swimming centre in Montrose is preparing to throw open its doors to the public on 17 November.

The swimming pool forms part of the extended Montrose Sports Centre and has a main six-lane pool, a viewing gallery and a ladies changing area.

The pools will accommodate swimming tuition at all levels, competitive swimming and training, water polo and play football.

The new centre will have a health suite with a sauna, steam room and relaxation area; a fitness suite with up to 50 workout stations; two multi-purpose rooms each able to accommodate classes of up to 50 people and which can also open up to create a larger single space. A further multi-purpose room is being created for use as required for classes, a crèche, meeting room or a training/teaching area.

For information on opening times, classes etc, visit www.angus.gov.uk/leisure.

Kinloch housing project

A concept design is now available by the end of the year, which will give us an indication of what the project might look like.

The other key issues that will be addressed over the next few months are:

• travel plans and transport arrangements for the community campus
• planning permission and building warrants for the works
• developing operational arrangements for the use of the community campus
• considering the future use of the existing facilities in the town.

The council will continue to consult with the school and wider community throughout the design development stages and beyond. For more information, visit www.angus.gov.uk/kinloch campus.

Your Life

Welcome to Angus Life

Brechin facility is on track

The new Brechin community campus will incorporate a new high school, community/vocational learning and sports and recreational facilities on the site of the existing school.

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HOW WE'RE DOING

The number of attendances at indoor sport and leisure facilities fell this year by 3 per cent, mainly due to the closure of the Peterhead indoor pool while a new pool was being constructed.

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Big changes to benefit payments

A shake-up of the benefits system is under way, but what will it mean for you and your community? Here’s our quick guide

The UK Government has introduced legislation that will herald the biggest shake-up of our benefits system since the modern welfare state was born just after the Second World War. Many of the changes are already with us. However, there are still many more to come. These changes will affect all of the citizens of Angus in one way or another, whether it is through the loss of benefit entitlement, or through the loss of economic activity within our towns.

So what are these changes and how will they affect our citizens and our communities?

Housing Benefit

From April 2013, there will be changes to Housing Benefit (rent rebate) that will affect about 800 claimants in Angus. Working-age tenants of social housing who underoccupy their homes will lose some of their Housing Benefit. For those who have one extra room, this will mean a loss of 14 per cent of their rebate and for an extra two rooms or more, 25 per cent of their rebate.

Council Tax

Again from April 2013, Council Tax Benefit for working-age claimants will be replaced with a Council Tax Reduction Scheme administered by the council. While full details of the scheme are not yet available, the council is making preparations for its introduction.

Disability Living Allowance

From April next year, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) will be replaced by a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment (PIP). Everyone receiving DLA or claiming the new PIP will be subject to a medical assessment to determine their eligibility.

Employment and Support Allowance (Contribution Based)

Everyone on Incapacity Benefit (IB) will be reassessed over the next three years to determine whether they are fit for work. Those deemed fit will have to look for work and may qualify for Jobseekers’ Allowance. Those with a limited ability to work will have their IB replaced with Employment and Support Allowance and will join the Government’s work programme. Those found to be unfit for work will have their Incapacity Benefit replaced by Employment and Support Allowance for one year, after which it will stop. However, there may be entitlement to a means-tested benefit to replace this.

Universal Credit

Universal Credit is a new single monthly payment currently being phased in to replace the following benefits for working-age claimants:

- Child Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Jobseekers’ Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit

Entitlement will be based on circumstances and will include amounts for single people or couples, a lump sum for children, housing costs and so on. Normally, Universal Credit will be paid in arrears as a lump sum each month. Claimants will need to manage this money over the month.

CASE STUDIES

A person with disabilities

MARGARET is 59 years old and receives Disability Living Allowance (care component) at the middle rate of £53.85 per week. She rents a two-bedroom housing association flat and gets Disability Living Allowance paid weekly. Following a medical assessment, Mary is advised that she does not qualify for the new Personal Independence Payment (the replacement for Disability Living Allowance). This means that she loses the £53.85 per week payment and faces a reduction in her housing benefit of £75 per week as her flat has an extra bedroom. Margaret may face further reduction in her benefits as a direct result of losing her award of Disability Living Allowance.

A tenant

MARY and John are both aged 50 and have lived in their three-bedroom council house for 25 years. They are both unemployed and looking for work. They get their full rent of £135 per week paid by Housing Benefit. From April next year, John and Mary face a reduction in their Housing Benefit of £28.75 per week. This is because they have three bedrooms and they only need one. John and Mary will need to find this money to pay towards their rent or move to a smaller property.

“When John moves to Universal Credit, he will be paid his monthly benefit in arrears. This benefit will include his housing costs.”

The Government is encouraging people to go online to access benefit services. If you don’t have internet access at home, remember that free internet access is available at all Angus Council libraries and training sessions are also run throughout the year. For more information, visit www.angus.gov.uk/libraryservices

HELP AND ADVICE

Although the welfare shake-up will cause concern for many people in Angus, there is help and support at hand from a number of agencies.

If you have any questions on welfare reform and how it might affect you, please get in touch with the council’s welfare rights team via ACCESSline on 0845 777 7786.

For help on how to manage your finances, contact The Money Advice Service on 0300 200 3500 or visit www.moneysupportservice.org.uk. If you are struggling with debts, call the Consumer Credit Counselling Service on 0800 169 0750 or visit www.cccs.co.uk.

Advice on benefits, debt and money as well as housing are just some of the areas of expertise offered at Angus Citizens Advice Bureau. Contact Arbroath (01241 869706), Forfar 01309 480966, Montrose 01685 673163 or visit www.anguscab.org.uk.

To the council. While full details of the scheme are

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Budgeting under Universal Credit

JOHN is 35 and lives in a one-bedroom council flat costing £50 per week. He is currently unemployed and looking for work. He has been in debt most of his life and finds managing his current benefit very difficult.

When John moves to Universal Credit, he will be paid his benefit monthly in arrears. This benefit will include his housing costs that are currently dealt with directly by Angus Council through housing benefit. John will need to manage his budget with this monthly payment and is concerned that he may get further into debt and not pay his rent or other essential bills.
Council cash boosts communities

From an Olympic Gala to sports equipment, communities and organisations across Angus are being supported by the council’s new Event Fund.

Funding
COMMUNITIES and organisations across Angus are receiving support from Angus Council to allow them to realise their aspirations and ambitions.

The council has pledged cash for two funding pots – the Community Grants Scheme and the Event Fund.

The Community Grants Scheme offers funding of up to £5000 to help community and voluntary groups across Angus towards the cost of a project in the fields of arts, heritage, sport or the environment.

The Event Fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations in Angus to run events which will enhance tourism in the county.

Both schemes are administered by the council’s external funding team which can also help with funding from a variety of other sources, including European funds, lottery distributors and trusts.

The team also organises regular workshops giving practical help and advice on everything from submitting a successful application to using the web. More information is available via the council’s funding website at www.angus4community.gov.uk, by calling the external funding team on 01307 473722 or emailing externalfunding@angus.gov.uk.

Community grants
The people of Tealing enjoyed a hugely successful Olympic Gala Weekend in June, thanks to funding of £5000 from the Community Grants Scheme.

The gala brought together people of all ages, strengthening community spirit in the village and surrounding area.

The event opened with a special Olympic-themed Tealing Primary School sports event. Other highlights were a cake and crafts exhibition, demonstrations and displays by local activity groups, a mini horse show, dog agility displays, a family fun run and a Tealing’s Got Talent show.

Tealing community councillor and chair of the Olympic Gala Weekend planning group, Sandra Bruce, said: “The bottom line is that we simply could not have offered such an appealing range of activities and events for all ages without the grant.

“Because of it, we were able to put on a programme with something for everyone, comply safely with public events best practice and to promote the gala weekend extensively throughout the village and beyond.”

As well as events which bring local people together such as the Tealing Gala weekend, grants are available for a wide range of purposes to support Angus people and their communities.

In the last round of funding in October, grants were given to the Arbroath Allotment and Garden Association towards the cost of boundary fencing, the Angus Darts Academy for the purchase of equipment for young people to get involved in playing darts, and a project which stages concerts for adults with additional support needs in care homes and day centres.

Events Fund
A Harley Davidson-themed event in Brechin is one of many events which will receive a cash boost through the council’s new Event Fund.

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Events group
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Residents are being urged to support a new recycling scheme aimed at reducing the amount of waste people in Angus send to landfill.

TWENTY million tonnes of waste are produced in Scotland each year – enough to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool every 10 minutes.

To tackle this waste, the council is urging residents to support a new recycling scheme in the county.

An analysis carried out by the council highlighted that approximately 65 per cent of the waste dumped in grey bins by Angus residents can be recycled using the new trial kerbside recycling service.

The scheme is currently being piloted in parts of Carnoustie and Arbroath, as well as the rural areas of Ballumbie, Wellbank, Kellas, Bucklershead, Newbigging and Monikie.

The trial involves 5000 households and will make it easier to recycle a wider range of items at the kerbside. Residents are being asked to use their grey bin – currently used for general waste – for the collection of glass, plastic bottles, plastic containers, cans, paper and cardboard.

A smaller purple bin for general waste and a brown food waste caddy have been supplied, as well as a small food waste kitchen caddy.

The provision of a larger recycling bin and a smaller general waste bin reflects the larger proportion of waste that can be recycled. Angus has to meet tough recycling targets as well as a small food waste kitchen caddy.

A recycling facility closer to Angus would not necessarily reduce overall transport distances, as the materials could then be sent to locations throughout the UK or abroad for reprocessing.

There is no cost to the council for transportation and, once the plastics, glass and other materials are recovered, they are currently sent for reprocessing within a 50-mile radius of the recovery facility.

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The council receives payment for the materials it sends for reprocessing – in contrast, the authority pays the Government £64 tax for every tonne put into landfill and this sum is set to rise in the future.

So as well as protecting the Earth’s natural resources, reducing the amount of waste going to landfill saves the council cash that can be invested in other services.

The facility in Wales was chosen for the trial as it was particularly well equipped to separate glass from the other recyclables.

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HOW WE’RE DOING

The percentage of household waste composted/recycled has increased over the past year from 38.3 per cent in 2010/11 to 43.7 per cent in 2011/12.
Are you ready for winter?

Start thinking now about bad weather preparation

THIS year, everyone across Scotland is being encouraged to think ahead and be prepared for all kinds of severe weather. The reality is that severe weather can occur at any time of year, but is most likely during the winter months.

Whether in the community, at home or out on the move, we all need to consider the risks and consequences of severe weather and how we – and the people we live and work with – could be affected. Don’t wait until it happens – taking small steps now will help make all of us better prepared.

Angus Council and its partners are doing their bit to plan ahead to protect services in the county if bad weather strikes. Communities are being encouraged to work together – identifying neighbours who might need a helping hand; conditions deteriorate, or volunteering skills and expertise to support each other during severe weather.

Businesses are being urged to start thinking now about how they could continue to operate if, for example, staff are unable to get into work, or deliveries are disrupted. You can get involved by sharing information, making plans, taking action and by visiting www.readyscotland.org for more information and advice, or the council’s website at www.angus.gov.uk. Information will also be available at the Ready for Winter roadshows being held on 20 November at Morrisons, Arbroath, and on 21 November at Tesco, Forfar.

HOW WE’RE DOING

The percentage of the road network resurfaced in 2011/12 was 2.1 per cent compared to 1.58 per cent the previous year.

KeepiNG ANGUS MOVING

ROADS ACTION PLAN

Angus Council maintains 1100 miles of roads and pavements and, in a typical winter, spends more than £2.2 million to tackle the elements. It is impossible for the council to treat all roads and pavements at the same time or to the same extent, so routes are treated according to priority, with the busiest being done first and for longer periods during severe conditions.

Residents are being encouraged to think ahead and be prepared for all kinds of severe weather. The reality is that severe weather can occur at any time of year, but is most likely during the winter months. Residents are being encouraged to work together to clear pavements and footpaths outside their own properties where possible. There are about 600 grit bins provided across Angus and you are asked to make use of these to treat your streets and pavements.

If your grit bin needs to be topped up, please call ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778.

PRIORITY ROUTES

Category 1 routes
These routes carry most traffic so are treated before all other routes – including bus and commuter routes and the roads that serve hospitals, ambulance and fire centres, schools and main industrial centres. These routes will be opened up before other routes, and kept open during prolonged periods of snow.

Category 2 routes
A number of routes, which, although carrying less traffic than those in category 1, have been identified as being particularly prone to icing – they are generally Glen or high-level routes. These routes are treated later than category 1 and 2 routes. During prolonged snow conditions, these routes are only dealt with after category 1 and 2 routes have been cleared.

Category 3 routes
These routes are treated after category 1 and 2 routes. The A90/A92 the A90, which is a trunk road, and the A9 in Angus are treated 24 hours by Bear Scotland.

Pavements
The treatment of pavements and footpaths is categorised in a similar way, with priority given to main thoroughfares in towns and larger villages.

HOURS OF COVER
During severe weather, the council endeavours to keep roads and footpaths free from snow and ice. However, there is not continuous and complete cover during these times as a limited number of vehicles cannot be everywhere at the same time and vehicles have to refill with salt and fuel.

For more info on the roads winter maintenance programme, visit www.angus.gov.uk/wintermaintenance.
Active volunteers are good sports

Young people are being encouraged to explore sports and lead an active life thanks to the work of enthusiasts from across Angus

FROM athletics to tennis, cycling to boxing, sports of all kinds have received a huge boost over the summer thanks to the fantastic achievements of sporting heroes such as Andy Murray and Chris Hoy. And as the country gears up for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in two years’ time, PE teachers and Active Schools co-ordinators in Angus are committed to keeping the sporting momentum going.

One of the biggest strengths in Angus is the role of more than 500 volunteers, from school teachers and pupils turned coaches to enthusiasts from local communities, who are sharing their time and skills to deliver a huge range of opportunities for young people in Angus.

Their efforts are encouraging a lifelong interest in sport and physical activity among our young people with all the health and personal benefits that brings.

School volunteers
LOTs of great work is taking place in Angus schools to encourage young people to get fit, healthy and active. PE teachers are inspireing young people to enjoy physical activity, putting them on the path to lifelong participation in sport and encouraging them to become volunteers to ensure sport in the community flourishes.

Secondary schools in particular are widening the range of activities on offer to pupils in PE, such as dance, fitness activities and golf.

Individual activities such as these meet the needs of many of the pupils from S3 upwards and create a balance of activities on offer along with the traditional team games. Another recent innovation in the PE programme is the Sports Leaders programme, which is supporting the development of young volunteers, giving them the skills and motivation to create and run sports activities in the community.

Sports Leaders from secondary schools are working with the younger pupils in their schools and pupils in primary schools to provide sports activities at lunchtime and after school.

Last year, 15 senior pupils were involved in the regular delivery of activity sessions – an increase of 60 per cent.

Camoustie High School PE teacher Jen Henderson explained that the Sports Leader programme is run in both S5 and S6 within the school.

“All pupils who take part in this course plan, organise and deliver many primary and secondary events,” Jen said. “Our pupils gain lots of confidence and develop many core skills they can use later in life.

“Since introducing these leadership courses, the links we have developed with our local primary schools have increased, and many of our senior pupils lead and continue to volunteer once they leave school.”

While the Sports Leader programme encourages senior pupils to become hands on in coaching and running sports programmes, another innovative scheme in Angus involves senior pupils promoting and supporting sport within their schools. The Young Sports Ambassadors project is run by the county’s network of Active Schools co-ordinators, who work with schools and communities to help make sure children stay active and have lots of opportunities to get involved in sport.

Angus Active Schools lead co-ordinator Andy Garrett explained: “Active Schools is about introducing daily activity into the lives of young people through active travel, play and dance and encourage a lifelong participation in sport when they leave school.”

Young Ambassadors have been recruited from each secondary school. They have attended national training to give them the skills to inspire and motivate their peers, as well as organising and providing more opportunities in the school and its community.

Supported by their local Active Schools co-ordinator, Young Ambassadors at Brechin High School have organised a number of events including a 10-hour football event, and Olympic-themed activities in the lead up to the London Games.

In S5 pupils Dana McFarlane and Rebekah Drummond are enjoying their role as Young Ambassadors. Dana said: “Being a Young Ambassador is great. You get to see and help everyone enjoy sport.”

Rebekah added: “It’s great to see people actively involved in sport and encourage others to take part too.”

Community volunteers

Across the community, Angus people are giving up their time and sharing their expertise to engage young people in sport.

One of the biggest community volunteering success stories in Angus has been the increase in mountain biking, thanks to the enthusiasm of local volunteer Scott Francis.

Scott, who holds Trail Cycle Leader (TCL) course and GO MTB (Go Mountain Bike) leaders’ qualifications, became involved in promoting mountain biking in schools while his children were at primary.

Since then, he has been instrumental in running mountain bike sessions at all over Angus, giving hundreds of children the opportunity to try the sport.

Plans are under way to deliver further mountain bike taster sessions within schools thanks to funding from Angus Mountain Bike Trails Association (AMBTA), along with extra-curricular coaching sessions.

Through AMBTA, funding of £4000 was received this year from the council’s Community Grant Scheme (see also PG7), which is being used to train more volunteers to expand the pool of qualified instructors within Angus.

The money is also being used to give free access for young people to coaching within the county. Scott said: “Angus Active Schools has been pivotal in the introduction of mountain biking sessions to schools. They have a fantastic sport and one that we have used successfully to target young people who might otherwise not get the opportunity to try this activity, get outdoors and get active.”

More information on the bike coaching dates can be found at www.covertdirt.co.uk. More information on the work AMBTA does can be found at www.facebook.com/thambta.

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Help for high food standards

The council’s food safety experts help local foodies make informed choices

THINKING about where to order your Christmas turkey? Or maybe you just enjoy a takeaway at the end of a night out. Whatever the occasion, we all want to know that the food premises we choose meet the highest standards of hygiene and cleanliness.

There’s a vast choice of food businesses in Angus – more than 800 premises ranging from butchers and bakers to restaurants and cafés.

Luckily, Angus Council’s food safety experts can help foodies make informed choices and businesses promote their high standards.

You can find out about the food hygiene standards at any food business in Angus by visiting the council’s website at www.angus.gov.uk/fhs

The site gives at-a-glance information on how food businesses fared at their last food hygiene inspection – indicating whether they have passed or require improvement.

Businesses are issued with certificates and stickers relating to the outcome of their inspection and are encouraged to display them where they are clearly visible to customers. Where a business has been issued with a pass certificate, this can be used as a promotional tool by the premises to show they are meeting the required standards.

Angus food businesses can also boost their reputation through the prestigious Eat Safe Award, which recognises excellence in food hygiene and food safety management.

Businesses that achieve the Eat Safe status join a select group of establishments which have met standards of food hygiene over and above those required by current food hygiene legislation.

Eligible establishments are assessed for the Eat Safe Award as part of scheduled food hygiene inspections carried out by environmental health officers.

Those businesses that meet legal requirements receive a pass award, but to achieve the Eat Safe Award, they must also show evidence of food hygiene training.

The national scheme is administered by the Food Standards Agency and awarded locally by Angus Council.

As part of the council’s commitment to assist local businesses in achieving the Eat Safe Award, the environmental health service offers a variety of food hygiene courses accredited by the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland.

Case Study

ONE of the businesses to achieve the prestigious Eat Safe Awards is the Panmure Arms Hotel in Edzell. Proprietor David Blacklaw told Angus Life: “The Eat Safe Award provides an assurance to our customers that we meet the highest standards of hygiene and cleanliness in our kitchen. I am delighted that our commitment to excellent customer service has been recognised with this award.”

Panmure Arms Hotel chef Ross Anderson

How we’re doing

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