

ANGUS COUNCIL

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

28 OCTOBER 2008

FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This report details proposals for use of part of the Fairer Scotland Fund resource from April 2009 to March 2011.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- i note the Fairer Scotland Fund resource is aligned to delivering the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus
- ii agree that partnership activity should prioritise Arbroath and Brechin to impact on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation but that the resource can also be used to tackle individual poverty and deprivation in other areas of Angus
- iii agree that the £95,000 under spend from Working for Families be carried forward to 2009/10
- iv approve the core projects, as outlined in Appendix C

2. BACKGROUND

As part of the concordat between the Scottish Government and Angus Council, the Fairer Scotland Fund was established. This fund brings together four previous funding streams in Angus including the Community Regeneration Fund, Working for Families Funding, More Choices More Chances Funding (formerly NEET) and Community Voices Funding.

Local authorities were given the opportunity to integrate arrangements for use of funding within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus, or to develop a separate Single Outcome Agreement for Fairer Scotland Funding. A decision was taken to integrate the Fairer Scotland Fund indicators within the Angus Single Outcome Agreement, as one of the intentions of bringing the funds together is to reduce bureaucracy and duplication.

A number of indicators were received from the Scottish Government that have a strategic 'line of sight' to the use of the Fairer Scotland Fund resource. These indicators, detailed in Appendix A, are included in the Angus SOA.

In addition, Angus was asked to submit a proposal to Scottish Government, demonstrating the high level priorities for the area in respect of:-

- Regenerating disadvantaged communities
- Improving the life chances of individuals and groups experiencing poverty and disadvantage
- Improving employability particularly for young people and other hard to reach groups.

The funding was allocated on the basis of 75% on area measures of deprivation and 25% on individual measures of deprivation (email from Scottish Government 19 December 2007).

A decision was taken to continue to employ the funds in Angus over the year 2008/2009 in line with previous arrangements, and for an evaluation of the four funding streams to take place over that period. A proposal was submitted to Scottish Government on that basis and was approved.

Also, Scottish Government has confirmed that partnerships will not be directed by Scottish Government to invest the Fairer Scotland Fund in particular geographic areas. However, Ministers want community planning partnerships to provide evidence, over time, of accelerated impact for the most deprived 15% of areas (datazones) identified by the Scottish index of Multiple Deprivation 2006. There is an expectation that local partners will measure the benefit of collective investment for those vulnerable groups and individuals in the greatest need, rather than employ more standardised approaches targeted at whole populations. (letter from Scottish Government 22 February 2008).

It will be important therefore to prioritise partnership activity in Arbroath and Brechin, in order to have the impact that is required over time on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

3. THE ANGUS ALLOCATION OF THE FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND

The award to the Angus Community Planning Partnership is:-

2008/09 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)	2010/11*(£m)
0.735	0.988	1.24

**the allocation is ringfenced for the first two years of the spending review period, in order to provide transparency and ensure that all community planning partners can play a part in driving strategic investment of these resources. However, it is envisaged that the ringfencing will be removed in 2010/11 as single outcome agreements are concluded with community planning partnerships.*

All funds have been allocated for 2008/09 and committee reports No. **621/08** and No. **155/08** refer. However, an extra £95,000 underspend from the Working for Families project has been carried forward to 2008/09. It is recommended that this £95,000 should be further carried forward to 2009/10 to have the biggest impact on the new arrangements for the Fairer Scotland Fund.

4. EVALUATIONS AND ANNUAL REPORT TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Evaluations of the Working for Families Project and the More Choices More Chances Project have been carried out by MCM Associates. These are positive evaluations and demonstrate that the project work underway to date has had a positive impact on the lives of many individuals in Angus.

The evaluation related to Working for Families has identified the need to extend their remit to consider a broader range of employability issues. This extension would involve single people being able to access the service.

There was a requirement to evaluate the projects undertaken through the Community Regeneration Fund, and Community Voices Fund with an annual report submitted to Scottish Government. This report was approved by Angus Community Planning Partnership in June 2008 and subsequently by Scottish Government. Again, the annual report demonstrates projects currently funded through the Regeneration and Community Voices resource, made a positive impact on people's lives in Angus.

A subsequent exercise has been undertaken to map the core projects from all four funding streams, to the outcomes and indicators that we are required to deliver against, in relation to the Angus Single Outcome Agreement. This exercise demonstrates that the current core projects do contribute to the outcomes and indicators in the Single Outcome Agreement. The table at Appendix B highlights this.

5. ESTABLISHING CORE PROJECTS FROM 2009

As demonstrated in Appendix B, there a number of core projects that align with the outcomes and measures in the Single Outcome Agreement. It is proposed that these projects are established from 2009/10, Appendix C details the projects and their associated costs.

The overall cost of establishing the core projects is £774,531, leaving a balance of £281,360 to be allocated in 2009/10 and £410,303 in 2010/11, after inflation at 3½% is added. This includes the additional £95,000 underspend from the Working for Families project for 2009/10.

It is intended to bring forward proposals for the allocation of the balance of the resources for 2009/10 and 2010/11 onwards, to a future committee cycle.

There is also an opportunity, over time, to ensure synergies between projects is achieved and any duplication of effort is stripped out.

6. REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

A new Fairer Scotland Group has been established to manage the Fairer Scotland Fund resource on behalf of the Angus Community Planning Partnership. It draws its membership from previous groups including the Employability Steering Group, More Choices More Chances Group and the Community Regeneration Group. Many of the members of these three groups were in fact the same people, and this new group will reduce duplication of effort and meeting time for staff involved. It is envisaged that the Community Regeneration Officer role will be extended to support the work of the Fairer Scotland Group, in terms of co-ordinating the resource in line with the Single Outcome Agreement and preparing the necessary performance management reports in relation to the use of the fund.

It will also be important to establish tracking of individuals where appropriate to ensure robust reporting of progress and to bring some qualitative information into the reporting process.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications associated with the terms of this report are outlined in Appendix C. These figures have been inflation proofed.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The alignment issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken.

10. CONSULTATION

The Director of Corporate Services, Head of Law & Administration and Head of Finance have been consulted on the terms of this report. The Angus Community Planning Partnership and the Fairer Scotland Group have also been consulted on the report.

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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.

Appendix A
Fairer Scotland Fund
Menu of Locally Relevant Indicators aligned to the Angus SOA

2	% of school leavers going into employment, education or training
5	Number of claimants in receipt of out of work benefits per 1,000 population. The benefits are defined as Jobseekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Income Support (carers, lone parents and others on income related benefits)
6	Proportion of children living in households that are dependant on out of work benefits OR Child Tax Credit more than the family element (finalised awards)
7	Number of people experiencing multiple deprivation
10	Number and percentage of children attending publicly funded schools and achieving appropriate levels for stages 5 – 14
11	Educational tariff scores for each quintile of S4 school pupils
15	Deaths per 100,000 population from coronary heart disease and all cancers
19	Pregnancies among under 16 year olds per 1000 relevant population
23	Estimated number of people being prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis
26	Alcohol related hospital admissions
31	% of adult residents stating their neighbourhood as a 'v good' or 'fairly good' place to live
32	% of adult residents stating they feel 'very safe' or 'fairly safe' when at home alone at night % of adult residents stating they feel 'very safe' or 'fairly safe' when walking alone in the local neighbourhood after dark
33	Volume and rate of recorded crimes and offences per 10,000 population Crimes and offences are categorised as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 – Crimes of violence which includes murder, attempted murder, serious assault, robbery and assault with intent to rob, cruelty to children and threats and extortion • Group 2 – Crimes of indecency which includes rape, indecent assault, lewd and libidinous practices • Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty which includes thefts (housebreaking or opening lockfast places), thefts of and from motor vehicles and fraud • Group 4 – Vandalism, fire-raising and malicious conduct which includes vandalism, malicious mischief, fire-raising and reckless conduct
51	Number of employable vulnerable adults in employment at any given time Number of employable vulnerable sustaining paid employment for six months or more
54	Membership uptake in local authority, and local authority supported, leisure centres

Appendix B
Angus Community Planning Partnership
Fairer Scotland Fund – Outcome Agreement

NATIONAL OUTCOME 2 – WE REALISE OUR FULL POTENTIAL WITH MORE AND BETTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE				
National Indicator 10: Decrease the proportion of individuals living in poverty				
Local Indicators aligned to Angus SOA	Frequency / Type / Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Number of claimants in receipt of unemployment related benefits (JSA, IB, Lone Parent, Carers, Disabled, Bereaved, other on income related benefits) per 1,000 population (LI 5)	Annual NOMIS and ONS Jobcentre Plus	2006/07 16.6 persons per 1,000	Decrease number of claimants in receipt of unemployment related benefits	WFF Employability Project (Formerly Condition Management) Buddy to Work Give a Little Project Volunteer Academy Get You to Work Grant Community Gardening Project

Number of children (0-15) dependant on a recipient of Income Support and Jobseeker Allowance (LI 6)	Annual ONS Jobcentre Plus	2006/07 1209	Decrease number of children (0-15) dependant on a recipient of Income Support and Jobseeker Allowance	WFF Employability Project Buddy to Work Give a Little-Get a Lot Volunteer Academy Get you to Work Grant
Number of people experiencing multiple deprivation (LI 7)	Annual ONS National Earnings Survey	2006/07 4,927 (Population in ROA area)	Decrease number of people experiencing multiple deprivation	All FSF Projects
Number of vulnerable adults supported into employment, education, training or volunteering (LI 51)	Annual Angus Council	Substance Misuse Emp/Education – 28 Learning Disabilities Education – 190 Employment – 18 Training – 38 Volunteering – 30 Adult Mental Health Baseline to be set	Increase number of vulnerable adults supported into employment, education, training or volunteering	Give a Little-Get a Lot Volunteer Academy Angus Counselling Service

NATIONAL OUTCOME 3 – WE ARE BETTER EDUCATED, MORE SKILLED, MORE SUCCESSFUL, RENOWNED FOR OUR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

National Indicator 7: Increase the proportion of school leavers (from Scottish publicly funded schools) in positive and sustained destinations (FE,HE, employment or training)

Local Indicators aligned to the Angus SOA	Frequency / Type/ Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Proportion of school leavers going into employment, education or training (LI 2)	Annual Careers Scotland	June 2008 89%	Increase by 2% by 2010	16+ Learning Choices Onto Feet ASPIRE KIKO Buddy to Work Get you to Work Grant Angus Counselling Service WFF

NATIONAL OUTCOME 4 - OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS, CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS, EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

National Indicator 8: Increase the number of schools receiving positive inspection reports

Local Indicators aligned to Angus SOA	Frequency / Type / Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Number and percentage of children attending publicly funded schools and achieving appropriate levels for stages 5-14 (LI 10)	Annual Angus Council	2006/07 Reading % at or above level – 83.7 Writing % at or above level – 76.3 Maths % at or above level – 85.8	Reading 2008 – 83% 2009-84% Writing 2008 – 80% 2009-80% Maths 2008 – 85% 2009- 86%	ASPIRE Community Health Improvement Angus Counselling Service
Educational tariff scores for each quintile of S4 school pupils (LI 11)	Annual Angus Council	2006/07 % of S4 roll with 5+ SCQF by end of S4 – 90.1 % of S4 roll with English SCQF level 3 or better- 95 % of school roll with maths SCQF level 3 or better – 94.6	2008 – 93% 2009 – 94% 2008- 95% 2009 – 95% 2008 – 94% 2009 – 95%	ASPIRE KIKO

NATIONAL OUTCOME 6 – WE LIVE LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES

National Indicator 44: Improve the quality of healthcare experience
Angus Indicator: The health of the Angus population is improved

Local Indicator aligned with Angus SOA	Frequency / Type / Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Deaths per 100,000 population from coronary heart disease and all cancers (LI 15)	Annual ISD GROS Community Profiles	2006 498	Decrease deaths per 100,000 population from coronary heart disease and all cancers	Community Health Improvement Angus Counselling Service
Teenage pregnancy rate per 1,000 females aged 13-15 (LI 19)	Annual SNS	2005/06 9.5% (Tayside rate)	Reduce teenage pregnancy rate per 1,000 females aged 13-15	Community Health Improvement
Estimated number of people being prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression and psychosis. (LI 23)	Annual ISD SNS	2007/08 Anxiety – 2930 Psychosis – 1330 Anti Depressants - 707	Reduce number of people being prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression and psychosis	Angus Counselling Service Employability Project Buddy to Work

NATIONAL OUTCOME 7 – WE HAVE TACKLED THE SIGNIFICANT INEQUALITIES IN SCOTTISH SOCIETY

National Indicator 18: Reduce alcohol related hospital admissions by 2011

Local Indicators aligned to Angus SOA	Frequency / Type / Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Number of alcohol related hospital admissions (LI 26)	Annual MIIU	Jan – Dec 2007 1428	Reduce alcohol related hospital admissions by 2011	Community Health Improvement

NATIONAL OUTCOME 9 – WE LIVE OUR LIVES SAFE FROM CRIME, DISORDER AND DANGER

National Indicator 28: Increase the number of adults who rate their neighbourhood as a good place to live

Local Indicators aligned to Angus SOA	Frequency / Type / Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Overall crime rate (group 1-4 crimes) recorded (LI 33)	Annual Tayside Police	4,732 (based on 3 year average)	Reduce overall crime rates (group 1-4 crimes) recorded by 4%	Community Champions
Public perception of crime (LI 32)	Annual Survey Tayside Police	To be established	To be established	Community Champions

NATIONAL OUTCOME 10 – WE LIVE IN WELL DESIGNED, SUSTAINABLE PLACES WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES WE NEED

National Indicator 28: Increase the percentage of adults who rate there are as a good place to live

Local Indicators aligned to Angus SOA	Frequency / Type / Source	Baseline	Target	FSF Projects
Percentage of adults who rate their area as a good place to live (LI 31)	Annual Scottish Household Survey	To be established	Increase the percentage of adults who rate their area as a good place to live	All FSF Projects

Appendix C
Angus Community Planning Partnership
Fairer Scotland Fund - Core Project Financial Forecast

FSF Project		Costs
Working for All (formerly WFF)		£356,331
Co-ordinator costs inc. salary, admin and management fees	£57,596	
Key Workers (3)	£121,295	
Migrant Worker / Key Worker	£27,837	
Money Advice Key Worker	£37,087	
Volunteer Project Costs	£20,808	
Infrastructure Costs	£10,258	
Marketing	£5,000	
Childcare and Personal Development	£76,450	
Employability Project (previously Condition Management)		£48,156
Buddy to Work		£24,000
Community Champions		£46,000
Community Health Improvement		£31,544
Community Gardening Project		£11,000
Onto Feet		£20,000
16+ Learning Choices		£15,000
MCMC Key Workers (x 2)		£57,500
Key Worker (CLD - Youth Work Initiative)	£29,500	
Key Worker (Careers)	£28,000	
ASPIRE		£20,000
Kick it Kick Off		£30,000
Give a Little - Get a Lot		£24,000
Get You to Work Grant		£10,000
Volunteer Academy		£5,000
Community Regeneration Officer		£45,000
Assistant Community Regeneration Officer		£26,000
Core Support		£5,000
Total		£774,531

Appendix C (Continued)
Angus Community Planning Partnership

2009/10 Financial Forecast (Ring Fenced)

Income	
FSF Allocation for Angus	£988,000
Underspend C/F from WFF	£95,000
Total	£1,083,000
Expenditure	
Core Projects	£774,531
Inflation at 3 ½%	£27,109
Available Balance	£281,360
Total	£1,083,000

2010/11 Financial Forecast (In Grant Settlement)

Income	
FSF Allocation for Angus	£1,240,000
Expenditure	
Core Projects	£801,640
Inflation at 3 ½%	£28,057
Available Balance	£410,303
Total	£1,240,000