



# **Angus Rural and Environment Partnership**

## **2009/10 Full Year Progress Report to Single Outcome Agreement Implementation Group**

**17 June 2010**

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<i>No of Indicators</i>	<i>Exceeded or Met Target</i>	<i>Below Target</i>
32	15 (47%)	2 (6%)

*\*15 Indicators awaiting data*

<i>No of Actions</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>On Schedule</i>	<i>Behind Schedule</i>
12	5 (42%)	6 (50%)	1 (8%)

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<b>NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need</b>	People in Angus can access amenities & services through a variety of affordable & sustainable means	<i>SOA - % of the Angus population who can access amenities and services by affordable and sustainable means</i>	Angus Council	Established in 2009 Citizen's Survey	N/A	Maintain at 2009 level	Maintain at 2009 level	87% stated access to local services was affordable  (2009 Citizen's Survey)
		<i>Percentage of local bus service contracts meeting DpTAC standards</i>	Angus Council (P&T) and TACTRAN	2008  73%	80%	85%	2012  100%	09/10 98%  10/11 98% (all contracts already awarded)
		<i>Proportion of population &amp; non-car owning households more than 1 hour from hospital by public transport</i>	TACTRAN  Biennial Report	09/10 Total Population 12.9% Non Car Owning 5.2%				Baseline established during 09/10
		<i>Proportion of 16-24 &amp; total population more than 1 hour from FE College or University by public transport</i>	TACTRAN  Biennial Report	09/10 Total Population 5.5% 16-24 year olds 6.4%				Baseline established during 09/10



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<b>NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need</b>	People in Angus can access amenities & services through a variety of affordable & sustainable means	<i>Proportion of non-car owning households more than 30 &amp; 60 mins, by public transport from Regional Centre Post Office Leisure Centre Swimming Pool</i>	TACTRAN  Biennial Report	09/10  >30m >60m 17.1% 0.4% 1.1% 0.2% 2.4% 0.2% 19.4%				Baseline established during 09/10
		<b>SOA - Area of Derelict Land (Hectares)</b>	Angus Council (P&T)	2008 113 ha (0.05% of total land area)	Maintain at 2008 level	Maintain at 2008 level	2012 100 ha (0.046% of total land area)	2009 112ha (0.05% of total land area)
	The places in which we live in Angus develop in a sustainable manner	<b>SOA - House completions in Angus 2008-2013</b>	Angus Council (P&T)	2007/08 354  2008/09 154	212 programmed	334 programmed	381 programmed	June 09 to March 10  212
		<b>SOA - Number of completions as a proportion of total potential output</b>	Angus Council (P&T)	To be established in 2009	To be set when baseline established	To be set when baseline established	To be set when baseline established	This indicator is not viable and is being deleted from the SOA
		<b>SOA - % of Retail Space in Angus occupied</b>	Angus Council (P&T)	2008 90.2%	Maintain at 2008 level	Maintain at 2008 level	Maintain at 2008 level	09/10 90.5%
		<i>Quality of Greenspace in Angus</i>	Angus Council (Comm Services)	Indicator to be developed following establishment & implementation of the Angus Greenspace Strategy in 2010				Awaiting audit to be completed



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<b>NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need</b>	The places in which we live in Angus develop in a sustainable manner	<i>Number of staff attending biodiversity training courses</i>	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership	2008/09 392 (Tayside)	Increase	Dependent of funding	Dependent of funding	Awaiting Annual Report for 09/10  <b>See note 1</b>
		<i>Primary school roll in Angus</i>	Angus Council (Education)	2008 8,722	n/a	n/a	n/a	2009 8,529
		<i>Secondary school roll in Angus</i>		6,892				6,981

**SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:**

The TAYplan Main Issues Report and related documents was approved for public consultation in March 2010. The closing date for consultation is the 2<sup>nd</sup> July and an Angus Council member/officer working group has been established to consider issues relating to land use planning interests for Angus.

- 12 training events have been held on a wide range of subjects. Further learning opportunities were available via the 55 events during the Tayside Biodiversity Festival 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and a further 6 events during the Orchard Festival 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.
- Numbers of pupils in Angus are well within school capacities. Trend data from 2004 shows a relatively steady decline in primary school numbers, in keeping with demographic changes; secondary school numbers are more level, with larger drop in 2008.

**AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

During the past year, TACTRAN have become a member of the Rural and Environment Partnership and are working on developing a set of indicators in relation to accessibility and transport. Baseline data has recently been established and further discussions are taking place to determine targets.



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					09/10	10/11	11/12	
<b>NO12 - We value &amp; enjoy our built and natural environment &amp; protect &amp; enhance it for future generations</b>	Angus' natural environment is protected and enhanced	<i>SOA - % of SSSI features in Angus in favourable condition<sup>1</sup></i>	SNH	2007 75%		2010 National Target 95%	Future target still to be determined	<b>31.3.10</b> <b>71.9%</b> ①
		<i>Proportion of priority species in Angus for which positive action is in place</i>	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership	2008 65.4% (17/26)	65.4% (17/26)		2012 76.9% (20/26)	2009 17 out of 26
		% of total length of river water bodies in Angus achieving good quality status, good ecological potential or above	SEPA	2008 45%			2015 48.7% 2021 61%	Update will not be available until 2015
		% of total area of loch water bodies in Angus achieving good quality status, good ecological potential or above	SEPA	2008 0%			2015 35.6% 2021 35.6%	Update will not be available until 2015
	Angus' built environment is protected and enhanced	<i>SOA - Number of Listed Buildings in Angus</i>	Historic Scotland	2008 2,159	2,159	2,159	2,159	<b>See note 1</b>
		<i>SOA - No of historic buildings enhanced through Townscape Heritage Initiative (Brechin)</i>	Angus Council (P&T)	35 Total target to 2012	12	13	10	09/10 12
		<i>SOA - No of designated Conservation Areas in Angus</i>	Angus Council (P&T)	2008 19	19	19	19	2009 19

<sup>1</sup> Figure includes the percentage of SSSI qualifying features which are either (a) in "favourable condition"; or (b) in "unfavourable condition", but are recovering or (c) in "unfavourable condition" but where management arrangements are in place on the SSSI which should lead to the recovery in condition of the feature

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NO12 - We value & enjoy our built and natural environment & protect & enhance it for future generations	Angus' built environment is protected and enhanced	<i>Number of people trained in traditional building skills</i>	Angus College	2008/09 0	40	60	80	2009/10 90  <b>See note 2</b>
		<i>SOA - Levels of satisfaction of built and natural environment in Angus</i>	Angus Council	2009 Citizen's Survey  94% built environment  94% natural environment	n/a	Maintain	Maintain	Baseline established in 2009/10.  Next Citizen's Survey to be held in 2011.
		<i>Number of visits to Angus Country Parks</i>	Angus Council	2008/09 624,393	Increase	Increase	Increase	2009/10 636,135  <b>See note 3</b>
		<i>The number of new volunteer-led environmental projects in Angus per year</i>	Volunteer Centre Angus	2009/10  31 new projects	n/a	100 new projects		Baseline established 2009/10 <b>See note 4</b>
		<i>Number of children * young people active in environmental projects in Angus</i>	Volunteer Centre Angus	2009/10  300	n/a	500 Children/ YP	Baseline established 2009/10 <b>See note 4</b>	

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**SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:**

**1** – Changes to the numbers of listed buildings can occur because of authorised and unauthorised demolition of buildings as well as new listings or delisting of buildings by Historic Scotland. Work is currently underway to re-plot all listed buildings in Angus. 1,800 have currently been reviewed, with 10-15% of those (c. 200) identified for further checks/visits.

**2** - Traditional Skills is an area that Angus College are very keen to progress and activity up to this session has been mainly with staff attending events and seminars in this field with the occasional CPD activity. 70 students attended a course on Traditional Building Technology which was both theoretical and practical with a hands-on session working with Lime mortar and Stone. 20 students attended the centre on a course on Traditional Sash and Case window maintenance and repair,

**3** - Country parks – Lower numbers than expected due to worse weather at the start of the summer and above average rainfall throughout the year.

**4** – Green volunteering initiatives are now being captured and reported upon through one of the sub-groups of AREP. The impact on individuals and communities will be monitored over the coming year.

**AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

❶ The drop in the % of SSSI in favourable condition is due mainly to additional features being monitored and found to be in unfavourable condition. An alternative indicator has been recommended by SNH and the baseline data has already been established at 68.3% (see below):

*% of designated site features in Angus in favourable condition*

*(Includes SSSI, Special Protection Areas Special Areas of Conservation; and sites designated under the RAMSAR Convention.)*



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<b>NO14 - We reduce the local &amp; global environmental impact of our consumption &amp; production</b>	The carbon footprint of Angus are reduced	<i>SOA - The number of global hectares/capita for Angus (Ecological Footprint)</i>	Angus Council (P&T)	2004 5.36gha/cap	Maintain at 5.36gha/cap	Maintain at 5.36gha/cap	Maintain at 5.36gha/cap	This indicator is not viable and is being deleted from the SOA
		<i>SOA - The tonnage of CO<sub>2</sub> /capita for Angus (Carbon Footprint)</i>	Angus Council (P&T)	2004 12.20t/cap	Maintain at 12.20t/cap	Maintain at 12.20t/cap	2050 Reduce by 80% (draft National Target)	<b>2006</b> <b>12.77t/cap</b> <b>See Note 1</b>
		<i>SOA - Proportion of municipal waste landfilled</i>	Angus Council (ECP)	2008/09 48%	44%	44%	40%	Quarter 1 – 46% Quarter 2 – 36%  09/10 40% (unconfirmed)
		<i>SOA - Proportion of municipal waste recycled or composted</i>	Angus Council (ECP)	2008/09 36%	38%	43%	46%	Quarter 1 – 40% Quarter 2 – 43% 09/10 37% (unconfirmed)
		<i>Proportion of municipal waste incinerated Annual/Angus Council)</i>	Angus Council (ECP)	2007/08 16%	18%	20%		09/10  23% (unconfirmed)
		<i>Grant-aided biomass power output in Angus</i>	Forestry Commission	2008 7.1MW	8.5MW	9.0 MV	10.2 MV	Awaiting Report from Forestry Commission

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<b>NO14 - We reduce the local &amp; global environmental impact of our consumption &amp; production</b>	The carbon and ecological footprints of Angus are reduced	<i>Amount of Carbon Dioxide saved through the use of biomass</i>	Forestry Commission					Awaiting Report from Forestry Commission
		<i>% of woodland cover in Angus</i>	Forestry Commission	2008 9.5%	Increase in line with Scottish Forestry Strategy (25% coverage across Scotland by 2050)			Awaiting Report from Forestry Commission
		<i>Average National Home Energy Rating of Angus households – (SHCS)</i>	Angus Council (Housing)	2006 5.7	6.0	6.1	6.2	2005/08 5.7
	Angus is better placed to cope with the consequence of climate change	<i>Percentage of households living in 1:200 year flood risk areas</i>	Angus Council	2008 4.01% (2,096)	4.0%	3.99%	3.95%	Awaiting update report from SEPA
<b>SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:</b>								
<p>1. Carbon footprints are calculated from a consumption perspective. This means that the impact of any good or service is allocated to the person and place where it is consumed. It is not allocated to the place where the impacts (e.g. factory emissions) are produced.</p> <p>The Stockholm Environment Institute advised against using their data for an indicator – can't guarantee comparable datasets over time and against other local authorities. They recommend using the REAP (Resource and Energy Analysis Programme) tool however it is very resource intensive. Their recommended aim is for all local authorities is to reduce to 2t/capita by 2050.</p> <p><b>AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:</b></p> <p>A sub-group of AREP has been established to promote and co-ordinate adaptation and mitigation measures in relation to climate change in Angus through partner agencies strategies and action plans in relation to Travel Plans; Estate Mgt; Alternative Energy Sources; Waste Reduction etc.</p>								



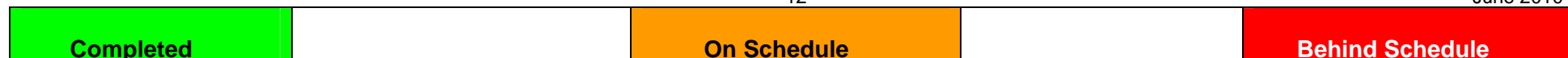
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<b>NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need</b>	<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>	Review rural transport issues in relation to access to services and present recommendations to Partnership	Angus Council – Planning & Transport TACTRAN	February 2011	Government funding cuts	<b>See note 1</b>
		Promote and encourage the audit for parks and open spaces in Angus	Angus Council Neighborhood Services	March 2010		<b>Audit still to be undertaken</b>
		Liaise with Strategic Planning Authority in relation to relevant development issues within Tayplan; Draft Tayplan to be issued	Angus Council Planning & Transport	September 2011		12 week public consultation from April 2010 to develop a blueprint for where any new development should be located and the key issues surrounding land use.



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<b>NO12 - We value &amp; enjoy our natural environment &amp; protect &amp; enhance it for future generations</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	Raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity and the duty on public agencies and their officers to “further the conservation of biodiversity	Tayside LBAP	March 2010		(Project continues to 2011) Much of this was undertaken via various training opportunities (mentioned under outcomes/indicators) . In addition a Tayside Biodiversity Partnership (TBP) newsletter was produced in Spring 2009. The TBP website is continually updated with information. Biodiversity section of the Angus Council website is regularly updated with events and information.
		Promote biodiversity enhancement across partner agencies in relation to estate management	Tayside LBAP	March 2010		Project implementation plan agreed. All TBP information on the web and almost all TBP events are open to Community Planning partners
		Contribute to the management plan for the River South Esk in relation to environmental matters	Angus Council	June 2010		The River SouthEsk Catchment management Plan (SECMP) was officially launched on 14 December 2009. Project being extended to June 2011 to allow for implementation phase to be progressed
		Produce an Environmental Profile for Angus with key indicators	Angus Council Planning & Transport	March 2010		Reported to ACPP and AREP. Update reported on an annual basis.



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<b>NO12 - We value &amp; enjoy our natural environment &amp; protect &amp; enhance it for future generations</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	Review designated conservation areas in Angus	Angus Council Planning & Transport	March 2011		Forfar area reviewed, Committee Report expected August 2010.
		Implement the Brechin THI Project Plan	Angus Council Planning & Transport Historic Scotland	March 2012		<b>See note 2</b>
		Develop Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework	Angus Council Planning & Transport Forestry Commission	August 2010		Consultants appointed – report expected 2010
		Promote awareness of wildlife crime across Angus	SNH	March 2010		Tayside Police Wildlife Crime Prevention Officer provided awareness raising sessions to Angus Council staff
<b>NO14 - We reduce the local &amp; global environmental impact of our consumption &amp; production</b>	<b>CARBON FOOTPRINT</b>	Promote and co-ordinate adaptation and mitigation measures in relation to climate change in Angus through partner agencies strategies and action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel Plans</li> <li>• Estate Mgt</li> <li>• Alternative Energy Sources</li> <li>• Waste Reduction</li> <li>• Service-led surveys</li> </ul>	All partners	June 2010		Sub-group of AREP established. Report to Strategic Policy in June  <b>See note 3</b>



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**SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:**

**Note 1 - Transport**

In January 2010 the results of the review of Tendered Local Bus Services in Angus was agreed by the Angus Council Infrastructure Services Committee.

The review of Bus Services covered the main areas.

- Benchmarking with other Local Authorities.
- Re-assessing the Current Local Bus Service Network.
- Reviewing options other than conventional Public Transport.
- Development of robust criteria for the evaluation and award of contracted Local Bus Services.

In the face of reducing passenger numbers and budgeting constraints a methodology ranking the contracted services was devised which aligned service provision, usage and budget provision. The provisions of Angus Councils Public Transport Policy Statement were reviewed in March 2010.

**Note 2 – Environment - Brechin THI**

The Brechin THI is progressing well and is on target. The refurbishment of the Brechin Town House was completed in June 2009. Of the priority projects identified within the THI, competitive tenders have been sought for the restoration of 29-33, 33-35 & 39-41 High Street. The Council has acquired 45-47 High Street utilising the Town Centre Regeneration Fund and the works to the property will be funded through the THI in 2010/11. Works to the multiple projects at 1-3 Market Street and the Cathedral Hall, commenced in 2010 and five small grants have been approved.

The Traditional Skills survey undertaken in partnership with Angus College has now been published. The community archaeological dig on ground adjacent to the Cathedral Hall was undertaken during two weeks in September 2009 and was very successful. The total spend by the THI, excluding staff costs, in 2009/10 was £266,000.

The City of Brechin Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is a 5 year programme of heritage led regeneration funded by Angus Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland. Commencing in 2008 the total budget for the THI is just over £2,900,000 and is run by a Project Officer. The THI aims to regenerate the centre of Brechin by undertaking a range of physical projects, training in traditional building skills in association with Angus College and public participation e.g. archaeological dig.



**Note 3 - Carbon Footprint**

- Travel Plan: regular meetings held to follow progress on the 30 action points of Angus Council's Travel Plan. 15 are complete, 4 partially complete and 11 are ongoing.
- The council achieved Carbon Trust Accreditation in January 2010 showing progress in reducing the carbon footprint of the estate through a range of projects.
- Biomass boilers have been/are being installed in 6 Angus Council premises. Following advice from the council some communities have installed alternative energy devices such as hybrid micro- hydro, air source and ground source heat pumps, photovoltaic panels. Methane is captured at the Council's landfill site to generate electricity. Passive solar heating and solar panels are used in some Council housing.
- Waste reduction: 35.8% of waste was recycled or composted Jan – Dec 2008. Up from 34.7% in 2007. Council web information has been updated in line with changes to waste services. The majority of schools & businesses using Council commercial waste services can now access the recycling scheme.

**AREAS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

**Environment - The South Esk Catchment Management Plan**

The River South Esk catchment is of immense importance to Angus. With industries such as farming, forestry, fisheries and tourism all taking place within the boundaries of the catchment, the area provides many people in the Angus area with employment. It also provides opportunities for leisure pursuits including walking, canoeing and cycling and supports a great variety of wildlife and plants. The success of the SECMP to date has stemmed from the close working relationship which has developed through the Steering Group.

The SECMP is a tool that will be used as a basis for developing the work carried out in the seven areas of importance identified in the plan, i.e. Quality of Water; Water Resources; Managing Floods; River Engineering; Habitats and Species; Socio-economic Factors; Delivering the Plan. Each of the seven topics has a strategic aim and a list of actions, making up 65 actions in all.

One of the priorities of the Steering Group over the next year will be to identify means of securing sustainable delivery of the Plan by appointing a part-time temporary project co-ordinator. The Steering Group has identified, as its immediate priorities, securing a structure to enable delivery of the Plan on a continuing partnership basis and engagement with landowners, with particular emphasis on achieving progress through eradication of invasive weeds in the area and identifying opportunities for increased flood plain storage.

