

Angus Rural and Environment Partnership

2010/11 Full-Year Progress Report

to

**Single Outcome Agreement
Implementation Group**

July 2011

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NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need	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 Citizens' Survey)	Await Citizens' Survey, late 2011
		<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 & 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%		Decrease	Decrease	Baseline established during 09/10	Total Population 23.8% Non Car Owning 15.4% ①



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		<i>Proportion of 16-24 & 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%		Decrease	Decrease	Baseline established during 09/10	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Total Population 7.0%</div> <div style="background-color: green; color: black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">16-24 year olds 5.9%</div>
NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need	People in Angus can access amenities & services through a variety of affordable & sustainable means	<i>Proportion of non-car owning households more than 30 & 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%		Decrease	Decrease	Baseline established during 09/10	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">>30m 13.5%</div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">>60m 0.5%</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">1.1%</div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">0.2%</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="background-color: green; color: black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">2.9%</div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">0.3%</div> </div> <div style="background-color: green; color: black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">11.6%</div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">0.4%</div>
		SOA - Area of Derelict Land (Hectares)	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)	2010 117ha (0.05% of total area)
	The places in which we live in Angus develop in a sustainable manner	SOA - House completions in Angus 2008-2013 (Annual)	Angus Council (P&T)	2007/08 354 2008/09 154	212 programme d	334 programme d (April 2010)	384 programme d (April 2010)	June 09 to March 10 212 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Correction: July 09-March 10 (incl.) 153</div>	Housing Land Audit for 2010/11 will be published in summer 2011.

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		<i>SOA - % of Retail Space in Angus occupied</i>	Angus Council (P&T)	2008 90.2%	Maintain at 2008 level	Maintain at 2008 level	Maintain at 2008 level	09/10 90.5%	10/11 91.7%
		<i>Quality of Greenspace in Angus</i>	Angus Council (Comm Services)	Indicator to be developed following establishment & implementation of the Angus Greenspace Strategy in 2011				Awaiting audit to be completed	Quantitative audit completed; qualitative audit not yet complete
		<i>Number of staff attending biodiversity training courses</i>	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership	2008/09 392 (Tayside)	Increase	Dependent of funding	Dependent of funding	09/10 123 (Tayside)	10/11 187 (Tayside)
	The places in which we live in Angus develop in a sustainable manner	<i>Primary school roll in Angus</i>	Angus Council (Education)	2008 8,722	Expected to decrease	Expected to decrease	Expected to decrease	2009 8,529	2010 8,441
		<i>Secondary school roll in Angus</i>		6,892				6,981	6,877

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NO12 - We value & enjoy our built and natural environment & protect & enhance it for future generations	Angus' natural environment is protected and enhanced	<i>SOA - % of SSSI features in Angus in favourable condition</i>	SNH	2007 75%		2010 National Target 95%	Future target still to be determined	31.3.10 71.9%	N/A Indicator replaced by the more comprehensive one below	
		<i>SOA - % of designated site features in Angus in favourable condition*</i>	SNH	31.3.10 68.3%	N/A	Increase	Increase	Baseline established 09/10	69.9% in favourable condition (73.3% if sites with no on-site remedy are included)	
		<i>* (Includes SSSI, Special Protection Areas; Special Areas of Conservation; and sites designated under the RAMSAR Convention.)</i>								
		<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)	Increase	2012 76.9% (20/26 24)	2009 17 out of 26	2011 (as at 31.3.) 17 out of 24 ②	
	% of total length of river water bodies in Angus achieving good quality status, good ecological potential or above	SEPA	2008 45% 42.2%			2015 48.7% 2021 61%	Update will not be available until 2015	Update will not be available until 2015		

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		% 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	Update will not be available until 2015
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 Listed Buildings in Angus</i>	Historic Scotland	2008 2,159	2,159	2,159	2,159	1,800 reviewed, 10-15% of those (c. 200) identified for further checks/visits	All buildings now reviewed, with two additional added to the list. c. 230 have been identified for further review
		<i>No of historic buildings enhanced through Townscape Heritage Initiative (Brechin)</i>	Angus Council (P&T)	35 Total target to 2012	12	13	40 Revised to 8	09/10 12	10/11 11 ③
		SOA - No of designated Conservation Areas in Angus	Angus Council (P&T)	2008 19	19	19	19	2009 19	2010 19
		<i>Number of people trained in traditional building skills</i>	Angus College	2008/09 0	40	60	80	2009/10 90	2010/11 62 people were trained in Dry Stone Dyking skills

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	Angus' built and natural environment is valued and enjoyed	<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.	Await Citizens' Survey, late 2011
NO12 - We value & enjoy our built and natural environment & protect & enhance it for future generations	Angus' built and natural environment is valued and enjoyed	<i>Number of visits to Angus Country Parks</i>	Angus Council	2008/09 624,393	Increase	Increase	Increase	2009/10 636,135 Corrected figure (5.11) 636,016	2010/11 616,846 ④
		<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	86 projects supported ⑤
		<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	292 young people ⑤

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NO14 - We reduce the local & global environmental impact of our consumption & production	The carbon footprint of Angus are reduced	<i>SOA - The tonnage of CO₂ /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)	2006 12.77t/cap	Replaced by data collated nationally (see below)
		<i>SOA – The tonnage of CO₂/capita for Angus (Dept of Energy & Climate Change -DECC)</i>	Angus Council (P & T)	2007 9.2 kt/cap	Reduce from 9.2 kt/cap	Reduce from 9.2 kt/cap	2020 Reduce by at least 42%* 2050 Reduce by at least 80%*	N/A	2008 9.2 kt/cap (2009 estimate data due to be published 15.9.11)
		<i>SOA - Proportion of municipal waste landfilled</i>	Angus Council (ECP)	2008/09 48%	44%	44%	34%	09/10 43.39%	43.48%
		<i>SOA - Proportion of municipal waste recycled or composted</i>	Angus Council (ECP)	2008/09 36%	38%	43%	43%	09/10 39.08%	36.7% Ⓢ

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		<i>Proportion of municipal waste to energy Annual/Angus Council)</i>	Angus Council (ECP)	2007/08 16%	18%	20%	20%	09/10 17.53%	19.79%
		<i>Grant-aided biomass power output in Angus</i>	Forestry Commission	2008 7.1MW	8.5MW	9.0 MW	10.2 MW	Awaiting Report from Forestry Commission	Increase in year of 2.1MW installed capacity
		<i>Amount of Carbon Dioxide saved through the use of biomass</i>	Forestry Commission	Baseline established 09/10			Increase	Awaiting Report from Forestry Commission	Approx 4330 tonnes
NO14 - We reduce the local & global environmental impact of our consumption & production	The carbon footprint of Angus are reduced	<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	No significant increase ⑦
		<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	2007/09 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	Potential assessment of flood risks across Scotland by Dec 2011 (see summary)

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KEY DELIVERY ACTIONS

National Outcome	Priority Theme	Actions	Lead Agency	Timescale	Resource Issues	Full-Year Progress 10/11
NO10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	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	Service review undertaken by Angus Council during 2010. Systems in place for on-going review in relation to escalating costs (particularly fuel).
		Promote and encourage the audit for parks and open spaces in Angus	Angus Council Neighborhood Services	March August 2011		Internal consultation extended for the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2011/2016. Intention to submit to Committee in August 2011.
		Liaise with Strategic Planning Authority in relation to relevant development issues within Tayplan; Draft Tayplan to be issued	Angus Council Planning & Transport	September 2011		The proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012-2032 (Tayplan) was published for public consultation in June 2011.



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NO12 - We value & enjoy our natural environment & protect & enhance it for future generations	ENVIRONMENT	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 2011		A range of promotional activities took place (See summary)
		Promote biodiversity enhancement across partner agencies in relation to estate management	Tayside LBAP	March 2011		The Angus School Orchard Project got underway (60 orchards to be planted within 3 years). (See summary)
		Contribute to the management plan for the River South Esk in relation to environmental matters	Angus Council	June 2011		The initial impact of the first phase has been very positive with large areas of Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed having been treated throughout the catchment. LEADER funding objectives and targets are anticipated to be comfortably met.



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		Review designated conservation areas in Angus	Angus Council Planning & Transport	March 2016		A revised Forfar conservation area boundary has been approved; the same is being sought for Montrose (May 2011). A review of two Arbroath areas is planned to be undertaken in 2011/12. (Programme set to 2015/16)
		Implement the Brechin THI Project Plan	Angus Council Planning & Transport Historic Scotland	March 2012		All grants for repair of buildings in private ownership have now been awarded. (see summary)
		Develop Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework	Angus Council Planning & Transport Forestry Commission	August 2010 2011		Public consultation of draft framework planned for July 2011. Environmental Report also to be published and submitted to the Scottish Gateway. Completion date revised. (See summary)



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		Promote awareness of wildlife crime across Angus	SNH Tayside Police	March 2012		<p>The Partnership Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Tayside Strategy 2011/12 was launched on 19 April 2011.</p> <p>http://www.tayside.police.uk/wildlife/tayside-partnership.htm</p> <p>(see summary)</p>

National Outcome	Priority Theme	Actions	Lead Agency	Timescale	Resource Issues	Full-Year Progress 10/11
NO14 - We reduce the local & global environmental impact of our consumption & production	CARBON FOOTPRINT	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"> • Travel Plans • Estate Mgt • Alternative Energy Sources • Waste Reduction • Service-led surveys 	All partners	June 2010 Dec 2011		<p>All partners continue to address climate change within their organisations, with the aim of making genuine reductions of carbon emissions from travel, heating, etc</p> <p>(see summary)</p>



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INDICATORS WHICH DID NOT ACHIEVE THEIR TARGET:

① **Access by public transport (3 indicators)** : There is improved accessibility in the Montrose area and a few other locations. However, this is more than offset by decreased accessibility in Arbroath, Carnoustie and Kirriemuir, in addition to several other pockets of postcodes scattered around Angus. Such changes are most likely due to timetable and/or bus route modifications. Stagecoach Strathtay revised services in Angus during this period. Where connections have to be made between buses a small difference that means a tight bus connection is missed can have a major impact.

The population-weighted average journey time (for all population) increased by almost 4 minutes (7%) in Angus compared to 2009, compared with around 2 minutes in Dundee (7%) and 1 minute in PKC (3%). However, due to the geography of Angus and the location of hospitals, it is more sensitive to the thresholds defined in the spreadsheet, and this has manifested itself as a disproportionately large shift in comparison to other local authorities.

Non-car household and total population accessibility values changed to different degrees, this is because the proportion of people with no car varies quite considerably across postcodes, with the greatest concentration being in urban areas. Population per postcode, however, is more uniformly distributed across postcodes. Therefore, changes in accessibility in mainly rural/non-city zones will have a greater effect on total population than it does on the non-car values, thus producing different degrees of change between the two demographic categories.

② **Proportion of priority species in Angus for which positive action is in place:** There are significant resource constraints (both financially and in terms of staff time available in implementing additional positive action). It has been confirmed that the total number of priority species in Angus is 24.

③ **No of historic buildings enhanced through Townscape Heritage Initiative (Brechin):** The total number of buildings that will be repaired is 31, equating to 69 separate properties (shops, flats, etc). 4 small projects did not go ahead

④ **Number of visits to Angus Country Parks:** Poor, sometimes severe, weather conditions have impacted on figures.

⑤ **Volunteering in Environmental projects (2 indicators):** Significant cuts to the voluntary sector have impacted on the levels of resource available to support and develop volunteering.

⑥ **Proportion of municipal waste recycled or composted:** The ash from DERL, which would have been included when the target was set, can no longer be counted in recycling figures.

⑦ **% of woodland cover in Angus:** There has been a poor take up of grants.



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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:

Sustainable Development

All parks and open spaces included in Angus Council's maintenance regime have been digitised and are mapped on the Angus Council GIS system.

The period of consultation on the proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012-2032 (Tayplan) plan and associated documents will cover an eight week period from 6 June to 1 August 2011. In March 2010 the Tayplan main issues report received an award in the Scottish Government Awards for Quality in Planning

Environment

Angus contributed many events to the Tayside Biodiversity Festival (May 2010), including a reception in Carnoustie showcasing SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund projects. Biodiversity displays were featured at the Angus Walking Festival, Tayside Lochs event (Lintrathen) and the Angus Show. The new Nature on Track leaflet was launched in Montrose and the Tayside School Biodiversity Newsletter circulated to all schools within Angus. A set of 8 promotional bookmarks included one on Angus' geodiversity.

In addition to the school orchard project, the LBAP Co-ordinator held regular biodiversity advisory surgeries, liaised between Angus Council and the Angus Herpetological Group to safeguard the important lizard colony at Kinnaber, Montrose, and with the Ranger Service, and contributed ideas to Angus schools regarding gardening for wildlife.

River South Esk Catchment Partnership Management Plan - Funding to continue with a second phase (to end May 2012) is largely in place. Proposed priorities include the employment of a project co-ordinator; river naturalisation and habitat enhancement; and biodiversity and educational initiatives.

Key buildings in the High Street are being restored as part of the Brechin Townscape Heritage Initiative, including three buildings which are currently on the Scottish Civic Trust Buildings at Risk register. All these buildings were identified as priorities under the THI action plan.

Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework: Significant GIS technical issues have been overcome. Approval to publish the draft framework for public consultation was obtained on 31 May 2011 (see Angus Council Committee Report 387/11). Consultation to date has established that it is unrealistic to mirror in Angus the Scottish Government's target of 25% woodland cover for Scotland as a whole. Nevertheless four potential zones have been identified where it is considered there is potential to appropriately target new woodland creation in Angus and where creation or expansion would add desirable economic, environmental and social benefits. Angus has a current woodland cover of 10% (woodland cover is 17% Scotland wide), with many different forest and woodland types.

Currently 12 partner agencies are involved in the Partnership Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Tayside Strategy. The main wildlife crime concerns in Tayside are bird of prey persecution, hare coursing, deer poaching and crime against freshwater pearl mussels. Work is also ongoing to raise awareness in relation to responsibilities regarding bat roosts, snaring, and freshwater pearl mussels and river engineering. A Tayside wide action plan is being formulated.



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Carbon Footprint

The Scottish Government consulted on new Ministerial guidance on 'Delivering sustainable flood risk management' early 2011, the results of which are awaited. Milestones included production of an assessment of flood risks across Scotland by December 2011.

In 2010 two working groups were established within Angus Council to consider the impact of climate change. The Climate Change Strategy Group will develop the council's policy response to climate change, and the Carbon Reduction Group will consider carbon and energy reduction measures for the council's property estate.

In 2010/11 Angus Council continued to work in partnership with the Carbon Trust to develop the Carbon Management Plan, a five year programme for the reduction of carbon emissions within the council. In February 2011 a workshop was held with the Carbon Trust and council officers to identify opportunities for further carbon reduction across the council's estate.

