

**NOTE OF MEETING OF
ANGUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
26.11.09**

PRESENT

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| David Valentine (Chair) | Economic Development and ECP |
| Neil Prentice | Economic Development and ECP |
| Councillor David May | Convener Economic Development and ECP |
| Alan Mitchell | Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce |
| Laura McGlashan | Visit Scotland |
| Jacqui McNeill | Corporate Planning |
| Anne Mollison | Corporate Planning |
| Shona Weir | Skills Development Scotland |
| Alex Dalrymple | Scottish Enterprise |
| Craig Bartholomew | AAVO |
| Susan Wilson | Angus Community Health partnership |
| Fiona Cameron | Economic Development and ECP |
| Jane McEwen | JobCentre Plus |

| | | ACTION |
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| 1. | APOLOGIES | |
| 1.1 | Apologies were received from, Mai Hearne and Rosaleen Brown. | |
| 2 | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING | |
| 2.1 | The minute of the last meeting was agreed and all matters arising were addressed through the main agenda items. | |
| 3. | SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GROUP | |
| 3.1 | As part of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) each Community Planning thematic group is required to report progress back to the SOA Implementation Group (SOAIG). DV and NP have been invited on behalf of the group to report against progress for the AEDP in December. | |
| 3.2 | NP went over the draft presentation and asked members to feedback any additional information/comments to FC regarding items that they wished to be included in the presentation. | ALL |
| 3.3 | DV also made reference to the Audit Commission report "When it Comes to the Crunch" as a document that the group may find of interest. This report finds that local and national government have made a positive initial response to the recession, but it warns that councils should prepare for worsening social impact as unemployment rises. Demand for benefits, welfare and help with debt are growing, and social problems such as domestic violence and mental ill-health are expected to follow as the recession deepens. FC to circulate the document. Link: http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nationalstudies/localgov/Pages/whenitcomestothecrunch12aug2009.aspx SW stressed the need for the presentation to refer to future potential issues associated with securing sufficient employees for | FC |

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| | <p>the care sector given the ageing population in Angus.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion regarding the content of the presentation and some minor amendments were agreed.</p> | |
| 4 | SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS | |
| 4.1 | AM discussed the current indicators mentioned in the AEDP Single Outcome Agreement Outcomes and Indicators document and the Action Plan for the partnership. At this moment in time there is no need for a redraft of the current plan, but as a partnership we are required to give consideration to 'below the waterline' measures. | |
| 4.2 | Partners were requested to give consideration to appropriate targets and feedback to FC. | ALL |
| 5. | FOOD AND DRINK INITIAITVE | |
| 5.1 | DV informed the group of work that had begun regarding the Food and Drink Initiative in Angus. A paper would be circulated before the next meeting outlining the current position. | |
| 6. | BUY LOCAL IN ANGUS | |
| 6.1 | The final designs for 'Buy Local' were presented to the group. To date Carnoustie Business Association and the FSB in Forfar were keen to assist with the distribution. The leaflets would be ready in the first week in December for distribution. | |
| 7. | ROUND TABLE | |
| 7.1 | <p>Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce Reported that they were receiving mixed messages regarding the current economic downturn. In 2010 they are to keep the same focus as in 2009. They were also pleased to report that their membership had increased and that they had a full calendar of events planned for the forthcoming year.</p> | |
| 7.2 | <p>AAVO Reported that the Social Enterprise network in Angus was now established and this had met with great response from local partners. SENSCOT had agreed to facilitate the meetings with 10 social enterprises and other organisations attending their most recent meeting.</p> | |
| 7.3 | <p>Scottish Enterprise AD reported that there was a new chief executive appointed for Scottish Enterprise (Leona Wilson). Developments at the Dundee Waterfront are progressing, with discussions regarding a new training station for Dundee and the Victoria and Albert Museum being of particular interest to the group</p> | |
| 7.4 | <p>SDS SW updated the group regarding all the operational changes that had happened over recent months. Shona also stressed that SDS had particular responsibility for managing many national government programmes e.g. Training For Work and Modern</p> | |

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| | <p>Apprenticeships. The school leaver destination report was also due to be published at the end of November.</p> | |
| 7.5 | <p>JCP</p> <p>There were a number of changes nationally that were about to occur that would change the way that JCP would engage with their clients. In particular, the 18-24 young persons offer and the new Care Strategy that is to be launched in December. Although the finer detail has not yet been released, the Care Strategy will offer funding to carers to allow them to undertake training opportunities.</p> | |
| 7.6 | <p>Visit Scotland</p> <p>Now in its third year, Winter White is Visit Scotland's main campaign for the UK market during the traditionally quiet months between November and March. LMcG stated that it positions Scotland as a year-round destination where there is always more to do, and attracts visitors on the strength of the quality experiences on offer.</p> | |
| 7.7 | <p>In addition to this, the Thistle Awards established in 1991 by Visit Scotland to showcase business excellence and quality in the Tourism sector have just been held at Edinburgh's International Conference Centre.</p> | |
| 7.8 | <p>Angus Council</p> <p>The partnership was informed as to the success of the council in securing a £1.8 funding allocation from the Scottish Government from the Town Centre Regeneration Bid.</p> | |
| 7.9 | <p>The continued success of the Towards Employment Team was also reported back to the group. Continuing to develop in Angus, it has exceeded all of its yearly targets in the first 6 months of reporting in this financial year. Interestingly, the Team are now supporting clients that are highly skilled and are seeking new employment due to the current downturn in the labour market.</p> | |
| 8 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | |
| 8.1 | To be confirmed. | |