

ANGUS COUNCIL

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INFORMATION REPORT

ANGUS COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY
2017 - 2020

REPORT BY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - PLACE

ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Community Safety and Anti-social Behaviour Strategy (2017–2020) which was approved by the Community Planning Partnership Executive Group on 1 November 2017.

1 BACKGROUND

The Anti-social Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 requires each local authority and the relevant chief constable to prepare a strategy for dealing with anti-social behaviour in the authority's area. In addition, this strategy reflects the Scottish Government's Building Safer Communities collaborative programme which seeks to help national and local partners and communities work together to make Scotland safer and stronger.

This strategy aims to deliver services that benefit the local community by identifying local concerns and then working with local people to address those concerns. Feeling safe at home, in the street and within the wider community is essential to everyone's quality of life.

A wide evidence base has been used to identify priorities and outcomes that will make the communities of Angus safer. This ensures that resources are targeted to those communities, families and places most in need.

The following have been identified as the key priorities for the Safer Communities Forum.

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Gender based violence and domestic abuse
- Home Safety
- Public Protection & Safety (including financial harm and acquisitive crime)
- Road Safety

The strategy also places a specific focus on prevention, early intervention and equalities as per the Christie Commission Report of 2011.

In practise, this means:

- A decisive shift towards prevention
- Greater integration of public services at a local level, driven by better partnership, collaboration and effective local delivery
- Greater investment in people who deliver services through enhanced workforce development and effective leadership
- A sharp focus on improving performance through greater transparency, innovation and use of digital technology.

The strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Angus Safer Communities Forum.

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Appendices: Angus Community Safety and Anti-social Behaviour Strategy (2017 – 2020)