



TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ANGUS

A three year blue print has been revealed which aims to tackle anti-social behaviour in Angus.

The strategy aims to tackle the whole spectrum of anti-social behaviour from vandalism to violence.

Angus Council has joined forces with Tayside Police to develop the Angus Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, which will deal with the whole range of anti-social behaviour experienced by local communities. Launched last month (February 2006), the document maps out the action currently being taken to tackle the problem and outlines plans for the future.

Angus Council Provost, Bill Middleton explained:

“Our vision is for Angus to remain a dynamic and safe environment in which to live, work and visit.

“Anti-social behaviour has become a matter of wide public concern in recent years with both national and local governments seeking solutions to the underlying causes in order to develop a higher level of pride in the sense of community and respect for others.

“In Angus, we acknowledge that anti-social behaviour affects the quality of life of everyone, and the council and the police take this problem extremely seriously.

“Our hope is for our communities and citizens to feel safe and free from the scourge of anti-social behaviour and the mindless actions of others.”

Tayside Police Chief Constable John Vine, added:

“The quality of life in Angus is as good as anywhere in Scotland and no one should believe for one minute that anti-social behaviour is exclusive to the county.

“For some time now, Tayside Police, Angus Council and our partners have placed great importance on tackling issues of anti-social behaviour. Those responsible are in the minority, but their actions can have a terrible affect on our communities, and we do not believe that the law-abiding majority should be left to suffer as a result of their behaviour.”

As part of the strategy, the council has established an anti-social behaviour unit with two specialist investigation officers, a police community planning liaison officer and a full-time solicitor.