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## Shaping Marr's future



Consultations on the new Marr Local Community Plan for 2010-14 have been ongoing for the last seven months. At our Community Ward Forums Community Councillors, Aberdeenshire Councillors and representatives of groups in each ward had the opportunity to tell us about local issues. A questionnaire was distributed via community councils, in local libraries and online for you to inform us directly on what should be included in the Plan.

Many of your issues have been taken on board by one or more of the Local Community Planning Partners and appeared as new actions in the draft Plan circulated for comment during December and January. All the feedback has now been taken into account and the Plan will be published in April.

Alongside the new plan, Marr Local Community Planning Group members are committed to supporting communities who have completed Community Action Plans to

enable them to move their projects forward. We have also been working with young people on the Marr Youth Issues Action Plan. These are recognised in the local community plan and will be avail-

able for download from our website.

You can keep up-to-date with what's happening on the Marr pages of the Community Planning website: [www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/marr](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/marr)

### Extreme Weather

Community planning enables providers of public and voluntary services and communities to work together to deliver better services and improve our quality of life. The need for this was highlighted by the extreme weather conditions we've experienced in the last few months.

The Community Planning Partnership would like to extend its sympathy to those individuals, families and businesses that have been affected by the flooding in Huntly. Emergency services the council and voluntary organisations worked together to deal with the flooding and to provide support those affected in its aftermath. The council has commissioned an independent consultant to investigate what caused the flooding and make recommendations on actions to prevent this happening again

This winter saw the heavi-

est snowfall for 30 years combined with freezing temperatures. We have all had to deal with atrocious road conditions, in spite of the hard work council staff and local farmers put in to grit and plough roads and pavements. Carers have provided an excellent service despite the difficulties they faced getting to work. Les Allan, Aberdeenshire Council's Marr Area Manager commented: "Just one of many examples of partnership working has been Forest Enterprise's generous provision of a 4x4 vehicle to assist with transporting vulnerable people and getting crucial services to them through the snow".



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The Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership website is a useful source of information about the work that is being taken forward to develop community planning in Aberdeenshire. The site offers local groups and the wider public the opportunity to get involved in community planning to make a real difference in the area where you live.

#### Home Page

On the home page you will find frequently updated news and events involving partnership working and community engagement in Aberdeenshire. There is an A-Z and an interactive map to help you navigate around the website.

#### Get Involved

This section truly provides you with an opportunity to get involved in community planning. For example, you can:

- ♦ have your say by taking part in consultations currently ongoing in Aberdeenshire, such as commenting on your draft local community plan
- ♦ voice your opinion on local services and influence decision makers by signing up to our citizens' panel.

#### Our Priorities

The priorities which the community planning partnership is taking forward can broadly be categorised into five areas of work.

- ♦ Community Wellbeing - to enhance the quality of everyday life across Aberdeenshire by improving health and social care, housing and community safety.
- ♦ Jobs and the Economy - to improve the economy of Aberdeenshire and the employment prospects of its people.

- ♦ Lifelong Learning - to develop and improve learning opportunities and build stronger communities in Aberdeenshire by improving knowledge and skills, developing confidence, promoting inclusion and empowering communities.
- ♦ Sustainable Environment - to achieve sustainability by reducing resource use, protecting our environment, combating climate change and enhancing biodiversity.
- ♦ Developing our Partnership - to work together to make our partnership as efficient and effective as possible.

Further information on each priority can be accessed on the website. You will also be able to see how we are working towards these objectives in our local community plans in the Document Library.

#### Document Library

The library provides access to all key partnership documents, such as the local community plans, community profiles and Making it Real action plans. You can also view other relevant documents as well as minutes and agendas for partnership meetings in Aberdeenshire.

#### Tackling Poverty

Here you will find information and updates from our Tackling Poverty and Inequalities strategy group. The section focuses on local statistics and positive examples of tackling poverty in Aberdeenshire.

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