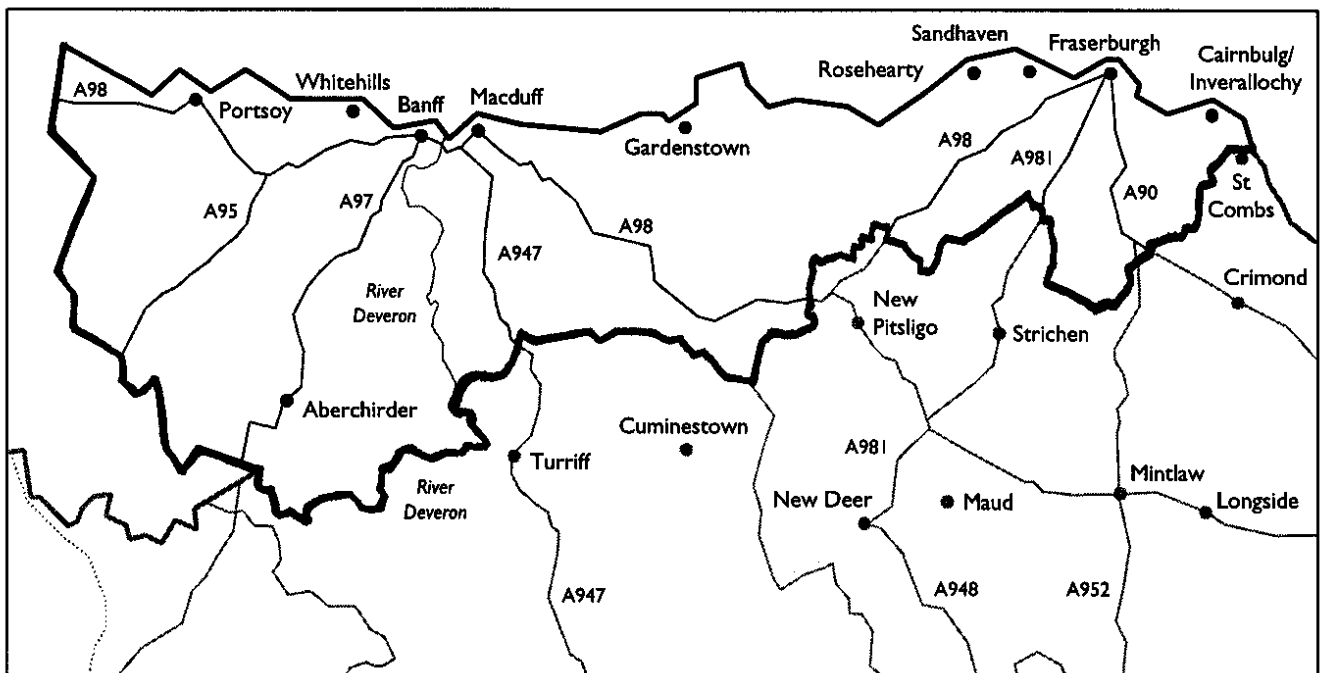


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1. Introduction: Purpose and Corporate Context

- 1.1 This latest version of the Plan for the Banff and Buchan Area is based upon consultation with local communities and upon discussions with Council Services and Members. The Plan is monitored and updated on a four monthly basis and submitted to the Banff and Buchan Area Committee for approval on an annual basis. It is part of the family of corporate, service and area plans which together represent the output of the Council's corporate planning process. The principles behind the Area Plan can be found in the Council's Statement of Aims and Values.
- 1.2 This Plan for the Banff & Buchan Area has also been influenced by the outcome of various surveys of Banff and Buchan residents and staff during the year. The development of Community Planning, the Council's Sustainability Charter and commitments to Community Planning are also key themes in the development of this plan. It is hoped that, increasingly, partner activities will be reflected in this plan which is directed towards securing a sustainable economic, environmental and social future for our communities and Area.
- 1.3 The Plan shows the Council's intentions for developments in the Banff and Buchan Area for the forthcoming three years, with particular emphasis on the coming financial year 2004/2005.

2. The Banff & Buchan Area

- 2.1 Banff & Buchan has a land area of 617 sq km (238 square miles) representing 10% of the land area covered by Aberdeenshire Council and a population density of 58 persons per sq km (compared with Aberdeenshire density of 36 per sq km). Banff & Buchan's most striking physical feature is its dramatic 77km coastline, one of considerable ecological and scenic significance, recognised in conservation designations for most of its length. Inland, the Area is characterised by an open agricultural landscape with occasional woodland, interspersed by farms and small settlements. Other physical features include the River Deveron and Mormond Hill.
- 2.2 Banff & Buchan's built heritage is varied, ranging from naturally developed villages and ancient towns, such as Banff, to the extensive system of planned villages from the 'Age of Improvement' (late 17th and early 18th centuries).
- 2.3 The population which now stands at 35,753. The Area's population is expected to fall in the period to 2006. This is in contrast to the very rapid growth in Areas adjacent to Aberdeen.
- 2.4 Banff & Buchan's main settlements are Fraserburgh (12,458), Banff (3,992) and Macduff (3,768). 6% of the Area's population is pre-school age, 15% school age, 60% working age and 19% retired. This age profile contains a higher representation of older groups than Aberdeenshire overall, but is similar to the Scottish breakdown.
- 2.5 The economy remains largely based on the traditional industries of fishing and agriculture. Banff and Buchan is eligible for European Union (EU structural funding (Objective 2). This is due to its high dependency upon traditional economic sectors.

- 2.6 Banff and Buchan is more self-contained than other Areas in Aberdeenshire with relatively small flows of workers to the other Areas and to Aberdeen.

Fraserburgh and Banff/Macduff are the Area's two most significant work destinations, although even for these towns 73% of workers in Fraserburgh originate from the town and 65% of Banff workers reside locally. Despite its rural character, Banff and Buchan has the greatest proportion of households with no car in Aberdeenshire (35%).

There are an estimated 435 unemployed persons in the Area (August 2004), 23% of Aberdeenshire's jobless. This represents an unemployment rate of 2.4%. The highest unemployment rate is in the Banff ward (3.4%).

- 2.7 Banff and Buchan is a traditional fishing area, with over 44,000 tonnes (2003) landed at Fraserburgh/Macduff. Macduff is a major boat building and repair centre in the North East. These ports account for 29% of the fish landed in Aberdeenshire and 14.4% of Scotland's fish landings. There are an estimated 808 fishermen working from the Banff and Buchan ports, with a further 1,800 employed onshore, in fish processing, boat building and other support services.
- 2.8 Banff and Buchan's principal tourism assets are its spectacular coastline and attractive built heritage. Due to its peripheral location, the Area has seen little tourism related development historically, although in recent years the Council and its partners have taken steps to improve this. Major attractions include Duff House Gallery, Banff, the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses (Fraserburgh), Macduff Marine Aquarium, Portsoy Mill and Fordyce Joiners Workshop. The Portsoy Boat Festival is also an established annual event in the area. The Council is working with the communities in many smaller settlements (Portsoy, Rosehearty and Sandhaven) to promote and improve visitor attractions.
- 2.9 Fraserburgh and Banff/Macduff are the Area's main centres, with the widest range of facilities, followed by Portsoy and Aberchirder. The Area has 2 secondary schools and 21 Primary Schools. Public facilities include 2 swimming pools and 9 libraries (although many are open for only a few hours per week). In common with other parts of Aberdeenshire, the number of key facilities (shops, post offices, primary schools, petrol stations and doctors surgeries) has fallen with a reduction of 32% since 1981.
- 2.10 An average of around 90 new dwellings have been built annually in Banff over the last five years, roughly 7% of the Aberdeenshire total in this period. Over half of this development took place in the main towns of Fraserburgh, Banff and Macduff. A further 22% took place in smaller settlements with the remainder in rural areas. 62% of the housing stock is owner occupied, lower than Aberdeenshire as a whole (71%) with 30% rented from the local authority or a housing association, 4% rented privately and the remainder consisting of other tenures.

- 2.11 Over the last five years, an average of just 0.9 hectares per annum of land has been developed on designated industrial estates in Banff and Buchan, roughly 7% of the Aberdeenshire total over this period. Most of the development took place in Fraserburgh and Macduff.

In terms of future developments, the area has just over 15 hectares of marketable industrial land, 5 hectares of which is immediately available for development. The majority of the marketable land is found in Fraserburgh and Macduff.

- 2.12 Key challenges facing Banff and Buchan include the need to overcome peripherality, to sustain social and commercial facilities in the Area's villages, to tackle the decline in the fishing industry and the impact of this on the coastal community, and to broaden the Area's economic base. These could be met through initiatives such as the Building Buchan New Beginnings, Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership, EU structural funds, the use of modern technology in developing business and industry and the continuing development of the Area's tourism potential.

3. Aims & Operational Objectives

- 3.1 Many of the issues and challenges facing the future of Banff & Buchan are described above. The Plan sets out how the Council intends to meet these in partnership with other agencies, the private sector and local communities.
- 3.2 The main themes, which the plan covers, are jobs and economy, learning, community wellbeing, sustainable environment and quality services.
- 3.3 To assist in this a series of "Plan Objectives" have been identified against which we can measure progress and achievement. For each of these objectives a series of actions have been identified which provide the focus for future monitoring of the Plan and performance measures or targets have been identified for each of these and lead officer responsibility agreed. These are detailed in the Appendix to this Plan.

4. User Groups, Operational Relationships and Linkages

- 4.1 The main users of the Banff and Buchan Area Plan are the public, local groups, outside agencies and bodies, Councillors and Officers. The Plan shows the Council's role in enabling and delivering development, so ownership must develop with and by the various communities and stakeholders.
- 4.2 It is hoped that increasingly, partner linkages will evolve and continue to develop.

5. Public and Customer Involvement and Participation

- 5.1 The Area Plan includes a timetable showing how the various user groups will have the opportunity to continue to contribute and develop the Banff and Buchan Area Plan.

The Area Plan will have a key part to play in developing community planning in Banff and Buchan and will require the active involvement of partnerships and organisations within the area to ensure effective consultation with Community Councils, community groups and all other interested users.

- 5.2 The emergence of Community Planning will have significant consequences for the way in which services are delivered and how the Council responds to the aspirations and needs of local communities. These new initiatives are still evolving and the Area Plan will have a key part to play in furthering their objectives as they continue to develop.

6. Resources

- 6.1 Delivering the Plan will require a range of resources, some of which are in the control of the Council. Much will depend on community enthusiasm, private sector inputs and successful bids being made to national or European funding agencies.
- 6.2 Within the Council, the Area Management Team provides the focus for bringing staff from different services together. This role will be developed by the team and colleagues, particularly in the sphere of community development in both the towns and rural areas.

7. Performance Measurement – Indicators and Other Targets

- 7.1 Actions have been identified in the Plan relating to the five themes outlined. Responsibility will be allocated to a named individual and performance measures developed against the target date.
- 7.2 The Plan itself will be monitored at four-monthly intervals by a review of progress in regard to each of the identified objectives.
- 7.3 The Area Plan is the means of showing that the Council is listening to public concerns and priorities. All Area Committee reports will require to show how the recommendations reflect the Area Plan.

8. External Factors Influencing the Plan

- 8.1 The pace of change can be rapid and a number of factors can influence the plan, some of which are beyond its control.
- 8.2 Obvious examples of these factors include restricted local government finance, job threats, an aging population, global economic developments and more demands being made upon social and community services.
- 8.3 There are also more positive factors which include, increasing expressions of community involvement, increasing awareness of the environment and the principle of sustainable development, opportunities for new patterns of service development from Information Technology development.

9. Recent Achievements

- 9.1 A number of Actions and Projects in the 2003-2006 Banff & Buchan Area Plan were completed or taken forward significantly during 2004.

Particular highlights were:

- ❖ Building Buchan New Beginnings programme
- ❖ Internet facilities into all libraries
- ❖ Draft Local Housing Strategy
- ❖ Disabled Person's Housing Service
- ❖ Cycle tracks
- ❖ Planning for Real exercises in Banff and Macduff
- ❖ Banffshire Partnership
- ❖ Fraserburgh Futures Partnership
- ❖ Fraserburgh Masterplan
- ❖ Smoke alarms for the deaf throughout Banff & Buchan
- ❖ Village orderlies in various locations
- ❖ Community Wardens in Fraserburgh
- ❖ Disabled access to swimming pools, community facilities, leisure facilities and offices
- ❖ Provision of improved leisure and community facilities in Banff
- ❖ Provision of improved leisure and community facilities in Macduff
- ❖ Banff Marina
- ❖ Macduff Slipway
- ❖ Turning Point Homeless Project, Fraserburgh
- ❖ Two new tenant participation groups and a tenants' forum in Fraserburgh

10. Taking the Plan Forward

10.1 The timetable below shows how the Plan should develop from here. Local Community Councils and Associations will be looking at the various issues over the next few months. Wider views can be sent directly to the Banff and Buchan Area Manager at any time.

10.2 Timescale:

Winter 2004/2005 This Plan is put to Councillors and issued with amendments to the Banff and Buchan communities.

Early Spring 2005 Local groups consider the various priorities and feedback to the Council.

Spring 2005 The Council will consider the comments made and carry out statistical updates to feed into the next Plan review.

Summer 2005 The Area Management Team provide an update on progress and discuss this with Councillors.

Autumn 2005 The plan for 2006-2008 is drafted.

Winter 2005/2006 The Plan for 2006-2008 is adopted and work begins afresh.

Key to Lead Service:

BBCSG	Banff & Buchan Community Safety Group
CE/AM	Banff & Buchan Area Manager (Chief Executive's Service)
E & R	Education and Recreation Service
H & SW	Housing and Social Work Service
L & A	Law & Administration Service
P & E	Planning and Environmental Service
T & I	Transportation and Infrastructure Service

A. Jobs and the Economy

Strategic Intention: *We will work to create an economy in which sustainable economic activity, steady growth, low unemployment and a broadening and strengthening of the economic base are established*

	Actions and Projects	Lead Service	Target Date
1.	Police Station in Fraserburgh – currently being re-marketed following unsuccessful attempt. Report on offers in due course	T&I (Property) R Strachan	Report to Area Committee – April 2005
2.	Industrial Land Extension in Macduff – Purchased subject to satisfactory soil investigation	T&I (Property) D Young	Acquisition by December 2004. Servicing during 2005
3.	Extension of Industrial Estate in Fraserburgh	T&I (Property) D Young	Acquisition by June 2005
4.	BEAT – Commissioning of purpose-built accommodation for the expanding recycling service	H&SW (Social Work) L Watt	2005/2006
5.	Employment Service – Development of an Employment Strategy for people with disabilities	H&SW (Social Work) L Watt	July 2005
6.	Banff Day Services – Establishment jointly with Boyndie Trust of a retail outlet in Banff/Macduff	H&SW (Social Work) L Watt	Sept 2005
7.	Denmark Street, Fraserburgh	T&I (Property)	Acquisition by December 2004
8.	Contaminated Land Strategy – now being implemented and work on mapping contaminated areas and carrying out investigations will continue in line with the Council's responsibilities under the legislation	P&ES (Env Health) D Cooper	Ongoing
9.	Enhanced Home Support Outreach Service – Pilot	H&SW (Social Work) J MacKinnon / Penumbra	Pilot
10.	Continue to encourage new initiatives and facilities that will help promote healthy living styles, e.g. swimming and healthy living initiatives		
11.	Development of employment and training for recovered substance misusers	H&SW (Social Work) J Mackinnon	Ongoing with New Opportunities Funding until 2008 and with Progress 2 Work

B. Learning

Strategic Intention: We will work to implement a vision of Banff & Buchan as a place where citizens participate in lifelong learning and where everyone is included.

	Actions and Projects	Lead Service	Target Date
1.	Boyndie Visitor Centre	See Objective C1	
2.	BEAT – Commissioning of purpose-built accommodation for the expanding recycling service	See Objective A4	
3.	Employment Service – Development of an Employment Strategy for people with disabilities	See Objective A5	
4.	Banff Day Services – Establishment jointly with Boyndie Trust of a retail outlet in Banff/Macduff	See Objective A6	
5.	Development of Employment and Training for recovered substance misusers	See Objective A11	
6.	Robertson Road Resource Centre – The establishment of an Internet Café with catering facilities outside the Centre	See Objective C3	
7.	Arts and Disability Project – the development of access to the Arts for people with disabilities	See Objective C4	
8.	Redevelopment of land to provide leisure facilities for young people in Fraserburgh and elsewhere within the Area: Identify site within Fraserburgh, secure funding, develop design, implement scheme Identify other potential development projects for all weather facilities	See Objective C5	
9.	Youth Project, Kingswell Building – sub-group of Banff LeaRN to prepare plan	See Objective C7	
10.	Development of training to all Youth Workers re Mental Health and self-harm	H&SW (Social work) L Reid, Foyer	Throughout 2004-05
11.	Ordiquhill School & Rathen School – Replace schools	E&R A McArthur	As capital becomes available or in the new PPP project
12.	Sandhaven School Extension – project costed	E&R A McArthur	Budget should be available 2004-2005
13.	New Community Schools – Joint Assessment Teams being set up in Banff & Fraserburgh	See Objective C8	
14.	Fraserburgh Area – Practical Health Project – to involve	See Objective C9	

vulnerable groups of young people in regular physical activities, environmental & community projects, increase awareness & develop responsibility for their own community's well being and to dovetail with national priorities for education such as Enterprise & Citizenship

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| 15. | Fraserburgh Area – Preparing for Citizenship – To improve young people's awareness of how they can influence their own futures by engaging in decisions about their environment within school and local community. To improve young people's capacity to engage in democratic decision making. To improve civic pride in the Fraserburgh Area | See Objective C10 | |
| 16. | Fraserburgh Area – Assessment for Learning – Five schools from Fraserburgh cluster are also involved in the Assessment is for Learning" project. Programme rolled out across Aberdeenshire | E&R A McArthur Support Worker in place | Ongoing project |
| 17. | To develop library facilities in Fraserburgh and Library and Museum facilities in Banff & Macduff:

Implement consultation process

Consult Area Committee as part of the consultation process

Decision made by E & R

Implementation of the decision | See Objective C15 | |
| 18. | Boyndie Visitor Centre | See Objective C1 | |
| 19. | Day Services – Ensure that the existing day services meet revised Registration & Inspection standards | See Objective C17 | |
| 20. | Banff Day Services – The establishment jointly with Boyndie Trust, of a retail outlet in Banff/Macduff | See Objective A6 | |
| 21. | Portsoy Salmon House Project – develop interpretive centre and local history museum | See Objective C18 | |
| 22. | Enhanced Home Support Outreach Service – Pilot | See Objective A9 | |
| 23. | Investigate the feasibility of providing new resources for people with Learning Disabilities being resettled within the community | See Objective C20 | |
| 24. | Continue to encourage new initiatives and facilities that will help promote healthy living styles, e.g. swimming & healthy living initiatives | See Objective A10 | |
| 25. | Development of Employment and Training for recovered substance misusers | See Objective A11 | |
| 26. | New Swimming Pool for Fraserburgh | See Objective C25 | |
| 27. | Range of development with Primary Care to promote | See Objective C27 | |

Mental Health & Wellbeing “Connectors Service”,
Courses, self-help material and Primary Mental Health
Workers

- 28. Community Councils – workshop to enable better understanding on how CCs can assist with planning applications See Objective C35
- 29. Extension to Fife Street School, Macduff

C. Community Wellbeing

Strategic Intention: We will work to develop a caring community which supports its more vulnerable citizens and promotes community wellbeing. With the active participation of service users and carers and in partnership with local agencies, we will promote socially inclusive policies.

	Actions and Projects	Lead Service	Target Date
1.	Boyndie Visitor Centre	H&SW (Social Work) L Watt	Opening Spring 2004
2.	Development of Employment and Training for recovered substance misusers	See Objective A11	
3.	Robertson Road Resource Centre – The establishment of an Internet Café with catering facilities outside the Centre	H&SW (Social Work) L Watt	November 2004
4.	Arts and Disability Project – the development of access to the Arts for people with disabilities	H&SW (Social Work) L Watt	Ongoing
5.	Redevelopment of land to provide leisure facilities for young people in Fraserburgh and elsewhere within the Area: Identify site within Fraserburgh, secure funding, develop design, implement scheme Identify other potential development projects for all weather facilities	P&ES (Planning) Hamish Robertson	2004
6.	Investigate feasibility of Community Centre in Macduff	E&R (Recreation David Wright)	Ongoing
7.	Youth Project, Kingswell Building – sub-group of Banff LeaRN to prepare plan	E&R (Education) A McArthur	Sub Groups ongoing – plans being prepared
8.	New Community Schools – Joint Assessment Teams being set up in Banff & Fraserburgh	E&R A McArthur/T Duncan	Ongoing
9.	Fraserburgh Area – Practical Health Project – to involve vulnerable groups of young people in regular physical activities, environmental & community projects, increase awareness & develop responsibility for their own community's well being and to dovetail with national priorities for education such as Enterprise & Citizenship	E&R – McArthur/ Health Community Project Co-ordinator/ seasonal staff	Ongoing
10.	Fraserburgh Area – Preparing for Citizenship – to improve young people's awareness of how they can influence their own futures by engaging in decisions about their environment within school and local community. To improve young people's capacity to engage in democratic decision making. To improve civic pride in the Fraserburgh Area.	E&R A McArthur/S Taylor/Fraserburgh Towns Team	Ongoing

11.	Bored to Xtremes Skateboard Park	E&R A McArthur	Receive support in kind from recreation officers
12.	Fraserburgh All Weather Pitch & Pavilion	E&R A McArthur	Receive support in kind from recreation officers
13.	Contaminated Land Strategy – Implementation of the CLS in Banff and Buchan	See Objective A8	
14.	BEAT – To commission purpose built accommodation for the expanding recycling service	See Objective A4	
15.	To develop library facilities in Fraserburgh and Library and Museum facilities in Banff and Macduff: Implement consultation process Consult Area Committee as part of the consultation process Decision made by E&R Implementation of the decision	E & R – A McArthur	As capital becomes available
16.	To lease the Fordyce Street Hall, Rosehearty to the people of Rosehearty: Agree terms of lease of Fordyce Street Hall	E & R – A McArthur	
17.	Day Services – ensure that the existing day services meet revised Registration & Inspection standards	H&SW (Social Work) Appropriate SW Manager	Ongoing
18.	Portsoy Salmon House Project – develop interpretive centre and local history museum	P&ES and E&R for Portsoy Salmon House Trust R Leith/A Hill	March 2003
19.	Enhanced Home Support Outreach Service – Pilot	See Objective A9	
20.	Investigate the feasibility of providing new resources for people with Learning Disabilities being resettled within the community		
21.	Continue to encourage new initiatives and facilities that will help promote healthy living styles, e.g. swimming & healthy living initiatives	See Objective A10	
22.	Relocation of NSF The Arches Project, especially to enable full disabled access – difficulty in finding alternative setting due to buoyant housing market. Project now using the Castle and YMCA Hall. Alternative still being sought	H & SW (Social Work) J Mackinnon / NSF	Comprehensive service operating 2004

23.	Further development of Integrated Drugs Service – Integrated management team formed – moving towards full integration by April 2004	H & SW (Social Work) J Mackinnon /NHS Grampian L Reid / NHS Grampian	Range of support groups throughout the area operating by 2004
24.	Development of User and Carer Groups for Substance Misuse – Carer group for Aberdeenshire now established with professional support. Carers piloting web support development	H & SW (Social Work) / NHS Grampian / Voluntary Sector	Range of support groups throughout the area operating by 2004
25.	New Swimming Pool for Fraserburgh	E & R Rod Stone	Ongoing
26.	Feasibility Study for a new Community Centre in Fraserburgh	E & R Anne McArthur	
27.	Range of development with Primary Care to promote Mental Health & Wellbeing “Connectors Service”, Courses, self-help material and Primary Mental Health Workers	H & SW (Social Work) J MacKinnon with LHCCs	2004-2005
28.	Expansion of Mental Health Support Workers and Outreach Day Service Workers to enhance health and wellbeing of people with severe and enduring mental illness	H & SW (Social Work) J MacKinnon	2004-2005
29.	Traffic calming – Identify and assess sites then design and install traffic calming schemes	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Ongoing
30.	20mph Speed Limits – Identify and assess suitable sites then introduce 20mph speed limits with associated traffic calming works if necessary	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Ongoing
31.	Route Action – Design and install route action schemes	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Ongoing
32.	Safer Routes to School – Investigate, design and implement safer routes to school initiatives	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Ongoing
33.	Traffic Management – undertake periodic reviews of Traffic Management within each settlement and implement new proposals if required	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Ongoing
34.	Pedestrian & Cycling Facilities – Investigate, design and install improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Ongoing
35.	Community Councils – workshop to enable better understanding on how CCs can assist with planning applications	P & ES (Planning) A Short	Summer 2004
36.	To implement the outputs of the Local Housing Strategy for Banff & Buchan area in partnership with registered social landlords and voluntary organisations	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / R Johnston	Ongoing from 2004/2009

37.	Increase the provision and accessibility of high quality temporary accommodation for homeless persons within Banff & Buchan	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / D Newlands	Nov 2005 and annually until need met
38.	Provide support and assistance for vulnerable tenants and develop the role of Housing Officer (Support) to fulfil this need	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / D Newlands	Ongoing and reviewed annually
39.	Maintain and develop the provision of an aids and adaptation service for disabled persons accommodation	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / D Watt	Ongoing - Review Nov 05
40.	To improve the environment within Council Housing schemes with increased Housing Management and in collaboration with Community Warden Service	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / B Paterson	Commencing Spring 2005 – Reviewed annually
41.	Redevelop the North Fraserburgh Housing area in accordance with the Fraserburgh Masterplan	H & SW (Housing) Strategy Team / J Skakle	Review annually until target achieved
42.	Support and develop Tenant Participation groups within the area to ensure that Housing services are customer focused	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / B Paterson	Ongoing
43.	Further develop links with Turning Points homeless persons service in Fraserburgh	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / D Newlands	Reviewed April 2005
44.	Develop the service provision within Sheltered Housing schemes in Banff & Buchan to enable residents to sustain their tenancies	H & SW (Housing) R Duff / J Skakle	Ongoing
45.	Replacement pavilion for Blackpots playing field, Whitehills		
46.	Garage provision in Knock Street area of Whitehills		
47.	Extension to pavilion at McRobert Park, Aberchirder		
48.	All-weather sports area at McRobert Park, Aberchirder		

D. Sustainable Environment

Strategic Intention: We will work to ensure that all our actions are as sustainable as possible and meet the needs of the current generation of Banff & Buchan's people with comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

	Actions and Projects	Lead Service	Target Date
1.	BEAT – Commissioning of purpose-built accommodation for the expanding recycling service	See Objective A4	
2.	Aberdeenshire Historic Kirkyards Project – Discussions with Historic Scotland & HLF Re New Funding Application	P&ES (Planning) R Leith/ I Shepherd	Three Year Programme 2001-2004
3.	Banff & Buchan Architectural Guide (Revised Edition) – Contract Let 2000	P&ES (Planning) R Leith/ I Shepherd	Publication May 2003
4.	Conservation Area Design Guidance – Develop Guidance Leaflets for each Area	P&ES (Planning) R Leith	Publication 2003-2004
5.	Fraserburgh Area – Practical Health Project – to involve vulnerable groups of young people in regular physical activities, environmental & community projects, increase awareness & develop responsibility for their own community's well being and to dovetail with national priorities for education such as Enterprise & Citizenship	See Objective C9	
6.	Fraserburgh Area – Preparing for Citizenship – To improve young people's awareness of how they can influence their own futures by engaging in decisions about their environment within school and local community. To improve young people's capacity to engage in democratic decision making. To improve civic pride in the Fraserburgh Area	See Objective C10	
7.	Contaminated Land Strategy – now being implemented and work on mapping contaminated areas and carrying out investigations will continue in line with the Council's responsibilities under the legislation	See Objective A8	
8.	Portsoy Salmon House Project – Develop Interpretive Centre and Local History Museum	See Objective C18	
9.	To lease the Fordyce Street Hall, Rosehearty to the people of Rosehearty: Agree terms of lease of Fordyce Street Hall	See Objective C16	
10.	Peathill Kirk Project – Secure repairs funding & 5 year management agreement with Historic Scotland	P&ES (Planning) on behalf of the Pitsligo Castle Trust R Leith/ I Shepherd	

11.	Continue to encourage new initiatives and facilities that will help promote healthy living styles, e.g. swimming & healthy living initiatives	See Objective A10	
12.	Relocation of NSF The Arches Project, especially to enable full disabled access – difficulty in finding alternative setting due to buoyant housing market. Project now using the Castle and YMCA Hall. Alternative still being sought	See Objective C22	
13.	Community Councils – workshop to enable better understanding on how CCs can assist with planning applications	See Objective C35	
14.	To upgrade the energy efficiency of the Council House stock in accordance with the requirements of the Scottish Housing Quality Standard	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / D Newlands	Ongoing - Review annually in capital programme
15.	To develop capital works programmes to upgrade the quality of Council Housing within Aberdeenshire in line with the 30-year business plan and the Scottish Housing Quality Standard and develop management systems to achieve this aim	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / R Johnston	As above
16.	Develop and improve the repairs and maintenance service for the Council Housing stock so as to ensure its sustainability	H & SW (Housing) J Skakle / A Mackie	As above
17.	Enhancement of Household Waste & Recycling Centre in Fraserburgh	P & ES (Waste Management) J Clark	2006/2007
18.	Distribution of kerbside recycle collection boxes and introduction of alternate kerbside collection for recycle and residual waste from settlements with 300 or more households	P & ES (Waste Management) J Clark	2006/2007
19.	Work to maximise public awareness and understanding of new waste schemes with a view to securing public participation by the deployment of 2 Area Waste officers to the Banff & Buchan Area	P & ES (Waste Management) J Clark	2006/2007
20.	Introduction of public directional and on site signage at Fraserburgh recycling point; continued expansion of the plastic bottle and cardboard facilities where resources, space and site permission allows	P & ES (Waste Management) J Clark	2005/2006
21.	Fraserburgh Lorry Park	T & I (Roads) D Naismith	Report to Area Committee 14/12/04
22.	Improved Street lighting in Ward 2		

E. Quality Services

Strategic Intention: We will work to maintain and improve the quality of life for everyone in Banff & Buchan by delivering first class public services.

	Actions and Projects	Lead Service	Target Date
1.	Residential Homes for Older People – Ensure that the existing homes meet revised Registration and Inspection Standards	H&SW (Social Work) J Carr	March 2004
2.	To prepare a reorganisation of zones of schools in Fraserburgh: Consult Area Committee Prepare Plan Present plan to E & R		
3.	To create Head Teacher's office and additional storage (Whitehills)	E&R (Education) A McArthur	Possibly 2004/2005
4.	To remove Horsa Huts and make good the playground (Portsoy)	E&R (Education) A McArthur	As budget becomes available
5.	Day Services – Ensure that the existing day services meet revised Registration & Inspection standards	See Objective C17	
6.	Redevelopment of land to provide leisure facilities for young people in Fraserburgh and elsewhere within the Area: Identify site within Fraserburgh, secure funding, develop design, implement scheme Identify other potential development projects for all weather facilities	See Objective C5	
7.	Investigate feasibility of Community Centre in Macduff	See Objective C6	
8.	Development of training to all Youth Workers re Mental Health and self-harm	See Objective B10	
9.	Day Services – Ensure that the existing day services meet revised Registration & Inspection standards	See Objective C17	
10.	Enhanced Home Support Outreach Service – Pilot	See Objective A9	
11.	Further development of Integrated Drugs Service – Integrated management team formed – moving towards full integration by April 2004	See Objective C23	
12.	Development of User and Carer Groups for Substance	See Objective C24	

Misuse – Carer group for Aberdeenshire now established with professional support. Carers piloting web support development

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| 13. | Development of Employment and Training for recovered substance misusers | See Objective A11 | |
| 14. | New Swimming Pool for Fraserburgh | See Objective C25 | |
| 15. | Range of development with Primary Care to promote Mental Health & Wellbeing “Connectors Service”, Courses, self-help material and Primary Mental Health Workers | See Objective C27 | |
| 16. | Expansion of Mental Health Support Workers and Outreach Day Service Workers to enhance health and wellbeing of people with severe and enduring mental illness | See Objective C28 | |
| 17. | Traffic Management – undertake periodic reviews of Traffic Management within each settlement and implement new proposals if required | See Objective C33 | |
| 18. | Arts and Disability Project – the development of access to the Arts for people with disabilities | See Objective C4 | |
| 19. | Community Councils – workshop to enable better understanding on how CCs can assist with planning applications | See Objective C35 | |
| 20. | Prepare the Housing Service for Regulation and Inspections housing performance review and involve all key stakeholders in the process | H & SW (Housing)
D Edwardson | Ongoing –
Review at first
inspection
expected
2006/07 |
| 21. | Develop, implement and monitor procedures and policies, which will ensure the provision of high quality Housing services uniformly over Aberdeenshire | H & SW (Housing)
D Edwardson | Ongoing |
| 22. | Develop Housing performance management systems to ensure the measuring and reporting of all aspects of the service | H & SW (Housing)
D Edwardson | Spring 2006 |
| 23. | Implement a new Housing ICT system (SX3) to aid the effective delivery of the Housing service | H & SW (Housing)
D Gammack /
J Skakle | April 2006 |