

ANGUS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008/2009

citizens advice bureau

COMPANY NUMBER: SC 179387 CHARITY NUMBER: SC 10051

ANGUS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

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for the year to 31 March 2009

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Company Information

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

The directors of the company ("the charity") are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees:

Mr G. Allan

Mrs K. Anderson

Mr D. Anderson (appointed 4 December 2008)

Mr A. Cochrane-Dyet

Mr B. Crozier Mrs J. Fullerton Mrs M. Hearne Mrs B. Lee-Smith

Mr J. MacDonald (deceased 28 May 2008)

Mr J. MacDonald Mr W. Mathieson

Mr J. McKelvie (Hon. Treasurer)

Councilor R. Palmer Mr D. Robertson

Mr I. Robertson (Chairperson)

Mrs I. Ross Mrs P. Taylor Councilor J. Whyte Councilor R. Spink

Company secretary: Mr H. Lean

Registered Office: 11 Millgate

Arbroath Angus DD11 1NN

Independent Examiner: Lesley Jolly, C. A.

Independent Examiner Findlay & Company Chartered Accountants

Peasiehill Road

Arbroath DD11 2NJ

Bankers: Bank of Scotland

Brothock Bridge

Arbroath DD11 1NH

Company No: SC179387

Charity No: SC10051

Trustees Report

for the year ended 31 March 2009

The trustees of Angus Citizens Advice Bureau hereby submit their report and audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2009.

Legal and Administrative Information

Angus Citizens Advice Bureau is a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is registered as a charity in Scotland. The Trustees are shown on page 2. The Trustees, who meet a minimum of three times a year, are responsible for taking strategic decisions in respect of the company, which are incorporated in the policies and procedures manual or referred to in other documents approved by them. A Head of Service is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day to day operations of the company. The Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting.

The trustees shall have the power on behalf of the collective to retain, accept, purchase, sell, lease, hold and invest in any property, heritable and moveable, real and personal of whatever kind and wherever situated.

Structure, governance and management

The governing document is detailed above.

Membership of the company is open to persons over 18 within the area of Angus Council who must register or re-register as members in accordance with the Articles of Association. The various categories of Trustees are nominated for office at the AGM, each having been accepted as members of the company prior to the commencement of the meeting. The specified categories of Trustees and the method of their recruitment and appointments are detailed in Memorandum and Articles of Association referred to above, which is currently being reviewed to comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The method of provision of training for directors, trustees and members is contained within Caslink - the Scottish CAB Service intranet link at:

www.caslink.org.uk.management/committee training.aspx

The Head of Service is the most senior paid officer of the Bureau. He reports through the Trustees and is responsible for making strategic recommendations to the trustees for consideration. The strategic and operational powers devolved to the Head of Service are defined in Angus Citizens Advice Bureau Policies and Procedures and Standards manual. The Head of Service is also the operational manager of the Arbroath Office. There are also operational managers in both the Forfar and Montrose office, part-time administration support in Arbroath as well as Project Officers for some of the other special projects managed by the company for which grant funding has been raised. All paid posts ultimately report to the Head of Service although for the purposes of operational management certain posts may report through the Forfar and Montrose managers.

Angus Citizen Bureau is a member of Citizens Advice Scotland. The Bureau is subject to independent audit to ensure compliance with the CAS Membership Standards and Quality Assurance Scheme. The Bureau also has responsibilities in respect of service quality to their core funders Angus Council, The Scottish Government, as well as other project funders.

Angus Citizens Advice Bureau has carried out a detailed risk assessment on most areas of management but has not carried out an overall risk assessment in respect of all external threats including the financial security of the organisation. These aspects will be addressed during financial year 2009/10.

Trustees Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in Angus by the advancement of education, the protection of health and relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

The main objectives during 2008/09 were:-

- To comply with the 12 CAB principles
- To provide a quality service to the citizens of Angus
- To influence social policy, both nationally and locally
- To show a willingness to work for our local communities and community organizations
- To ensure staff and resources are managed effectively
- To develop special projects which will derive added value to Angus
- To promote the service innovatively

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision. It is estimated that over 15,250 volunteer hours were provided during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £10 an hour the volunteer effort amounts to over £152,500.

Achievements and performance

The Bureau was congratulated by the Citizens Advice Scotland Membership Committee for the high level of compliance in all areas during its last quality review in 1997 and the next full quality review is scheduled for June/July 2010.

Financial Review

The financial results for the period are set out in the attached accounts. The significant increase in expenditure reflects the effort of the Bureau in tackling the effects of the credit crunch throughout the year. The forthcoming year is likely to show an even greater client turnover and increasing demand for CAB services.

The Trustees are motivated to maintain unrestricted funds at least to existing levels. The core funders are Angus Council. In 2008/2009 Tayside Health Board, The Scottish Government, The Scottish Gas Energy Trust, Hillcrest Housing Association and Citizens Advice Scotland all funded additional projects managed by the Bureau. The Scottish Power People Energy Trust financed a new financial education project from 1 February 2009 with other projects established during 2008/2009 for implementation on 1 April 2009.

Reserves Policy

The charity has a policy to maintain a designated reserve of £15,000 to cover future repair and maintenance costs to the Arbroath and Montrose offices. During 2009/2010 the charity will consider what to retain by way of unrestricted reserves to cover potential redundancy or other critical items of expenditure.

Trustees Report (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2009
Approval
This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985, relating to small companies, was approved by the Board on 22 October 2009 and signed on its behalf by:
Date

Independent examiner's report to the members of Angus Citizen Advice Bureau

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2009 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of the Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lesley Jolly, C.A. Findlay & Company Chartered Accountants Peasiehill Road ARBROATH DD11 2NJ

22 October 2009

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2009 (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

2009 2008 **Unrestricted Restricted** Total **Total Notes** funds funds funds **funds** £ £ £ £ **Incoming resources Incoming Resources from generated funds:** Voluntary income: **Donations** 420 420 20 Activities for generating funds: Investment income and interest 848 848 2,092 Incoming resources from charitable activities: 126,792 87,513 257,238 Grants 4 (a) 214,305 Advice fees 4,457 4,457 Activities for generating funds Other Income 4 (b) 20,450 20,450 6,978 **Total incoming resources** 152,967 87,513 240,480 266,328 **Resources Expended** Charitable activities 3 133,313 106,572 239,885 233,270 3 16,738 **Governance costs** 16,738 16,817 **Total resources expended** 150,051 106,572 256,623 250,087 --------------------Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers 2 2,916 (19,059)(16,143)16,241 **Transfers** Gross transfers between funds 6,587 (6,587)----------Net Movement in funds 9,503 (25,646)(16,143)16,241 ----------**Reconciliation of funds Funds brought forward** 67,599 251,544 319,143 302,902 At 31 March 2009 £ 77,102 £ 225,898 £ 303,000 £319,143 ===== ====== ====== =====

Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2009

	Notes	31 March 2009 £	31 March 2008 £
Fixed assets	6	274,174	283,613
Current assets Debtors and Prepayments Cash at bank and in hand		18,848 23,502	- 58,218
		42,350	58,218
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7(a)	(13,524)	(16,682)
Net current assets		28,826	41,536
Creditors: Due greater than one year	7(b)	-	(6,006)
		£ 303,000 =====	£ 319,143 =====
Financed by Reserves:			
Unrestricted reserves Restricted reserves	8 9	77,102 225,898	67,599 251,544
		£ 303,000 =====	£ 319,143

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

For the period ended 31 March 2009 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 249B(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:-

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the year end, of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board on 22 October 2009 and signed on its behalf by:-

Member of the Board

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2009

1. Accounting policies

a) Status of the company

Angus Citizens Advice Bureau is a company limited by guarantee of its members and does not have share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

b) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared using the historical cost convention and include the results of the operations of the company, all of which are continuing. The accounts incorporate the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, and are in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

c) Income

Income received is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

Grants including grants for the purchase of fixed assets are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to service delivery are accounted for when the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset evenly over its expected life as follows:-

Buildings 2% Straight line Fixture & Fittings 10% straight line Tenant's improvements 10% straight line

e) Funds

With the adoption of the SORP, all income and expenditure is dealt with through the income and expenditure account. In the Statement of Financial Activities, funds are now classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific purposes, which may be declared by the donors or with their authority (e.g. by restrictive wording or an appeal).

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the committee in furtherance of the objects of Angus Citizens Advice Bureau.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both direct costs and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across cost categories on an appropriate basis as set out in note 3.

g) Pensions

The company makes contributions to a pension scheme for those paid employees who wish to so enter. The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme and the assets of the scheme are managed independently from those of the company. The charge in the profit and loss account refers to the pension contributions due from the company during the year.

2. Surplus

The surplus for the period is stated after charging:	2009 £	2008 £
Independent Examiner fee Depreciation of tangible assets	2,056 12,396	2,456 12,099
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Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

3. Split of Expenses

o. Opin of Expenses	Basis of Allocation	Core <u>Funding</u> £	Financial Education £	Scottish Gas <u>Energy</u> £	CAS Developmei <u>Comm.</u> £	The Scottish Power nt Energy People Trust		Kinship <u>Care</u> £	Regional <u>Training</u> £	Governanc £	Total <u>e 2009</u> £	Total 2008 £
Staff Salaries	Staff Time	75,974	24,209	8,053	11,102	3,684	19,201	_	24,170	2,165	168,558	146,720
Pension	Staff Time	9,984	167	1,841	-	, -	-	-	, -	· -	11,992	10,876
Rent	Usage	8,430	300	-	-	-	-	270	-	-	9,000	8,514
Heat & Light	Usage	4,015	107	1,591	-	-	-	177	-	-	5,890	5,405
Rates & Insurance	Usage	3,647	-	-	-	-	512	155	842	-	5,156	4,541
Cleaning	Usage	485	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	500	469
Volunteer Expenditure	Direct	5,702	1,052	537	-	-	727	346	3,167	-	11,531	10,006
Tea & Coffee	Direct	1,202	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	1,239	1,049
AGM Costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	121	121	197
Independent examiners Fee	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,056	2,056	2,456
Training & Subscriptions	Direct	2,282	231	-	-	-	614	116	629	-	3,872	4,668
Recruitment	Usage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,807
Stationery, Postage & Advert	Usage	4,767	313	-	-	-	-	186	934	-	6,200	6,918
Telephone	Usage	4,560	162	-	-	-	-	153	240	-	5,115	8,040
Loan Interest	Direct	661	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	661	1,447
Consultancy	Usage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,768
Repairs and renewals	Direct	7,736	-	-	-	-	-	239	-	-	7,975	2,269
Depreciation	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,396	12,396	12,099
Project Costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,460
Sundry Exp	Usage	801	-	20	-	-	274	39	160	-	1,294	1,974
Support costs												
Salaries	Time spent	2,067	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,067	7,404
Treasurer	Direct	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Total		2 133,313	£ 26,541	£ 12,042	£ 11,102	£ 3,684	£ 21,328	£ 1,733	£ 30,142	£ 16,738 £	256,623	£ 250,087

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

4 (a).	Grants Received		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Angus Council Big Lottery	126,792 -	123,073 2,100
	Financial Education Project (Scottish Government) Financial Education Project (Citizens Advice Scotland) The Scottish Power Energy People Trust	17,500 5,190	31,220 - -
	Scottish Gas Energy Trust Angus Community Planning Partnership	8,500	26,624
	NHS Tayside Regional Training Project (Citizens Advice Scotland) Kinship Carers (Scottish Government)	24,241 25,448 -	33,557 34,664 6,000
	Money Advice Project (Citizens Advice Scotland)	6,634	
4 (1.)		£ 214,305 =====	£257,238 =====
4 (b).	Other Income		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Rent of Millgate University Placement Insurance Claim	4,570 9,875 5,700	4,755 2,068
	Miscellaneous Income	305	155
		£ 20,450 =====	£ 6,978
5.	Staff Costs		
		2009 No.	2008 No.
	During the year the average number of employees was	7 =====	7 =====
	Staff costs were as follows:-	2009 £	2008 £
	Trustees' remuneration Salaries Social security costs	82,510 73,715 14,400	78,601 62,649 12,874
	Pension scheme contributions	11,992 	10,876
		£ 182,617 =====	£ 165,000 =====

No employees received emoluments exceeding $\pounds60,\!000$ during the year.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

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Tangible Assets

Charge for the year

At 31 March 2009

Net book value: At 31 March 2009

At 31 March 2008

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.	rungible 7,000.0	Tenants Improvements £	Buildings £	Fixture & Fittings £	Total £
	Cost: At 1 April 2008 Additions	23,231	297,075 -	38,350 2,957	358,656 2,957
	At 31 March 2009	23,231	297,075	41,307	361,613
	Depreciation: At 1 April 2008	9,292	49,846	15,905	75,043

2,323

11,615

£ 11,616

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£ 13,939

5,942

55,788

£ 241,287

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£ 247,229

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4,131

20,036

£ 21,271

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£ 22,445

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12,396

87,439

£ 274,174

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£ 283,613

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All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

7(a).	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>2009</u> £	2008 £
	Loan Tax and Social Security Costs Accruals	5,372 3,602 4,550	8,250 4,178 4,254
		£ 13,524 =====	£ 16,682
7(b).	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year.	2009 £	2008 £
	Loan	£ -	£ 6,006
8	Unrestricted Reserves		

8. Unrestricted Reserves

	Unrestricted £	Designated Reserve £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Surplus brought forward	52,599	15,000	67,599	44,454
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	2,916	-	2,916	(3,363)
Restricted Reserve transfer	6,587	-	6,587	26,508
		0.45.000	0.77.400	0.07.500
	£ 62,102	£ 15,000	£ 77,102	£ 67,599
	=====	=====	=====	=====

Designated reserve has been set up to fund future property expenditure in respect of refurbishment of the Arbroath and Montrose property.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

9. Restricted Reserve

	The Scottish Power CAS CAS M					AS Money	ey				
	Fi NHS £	n Education Project £		Energy PeopleTrust £	Capital Grant £	Regional Training £	Advice Project £	Kinship Care D £	CAS evelopment £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
Brought forward	-	8,236	10,281	-	200,104	15,821	-	6,000	11,102	251,544	258,448
Received in year	24,241	26,000	-	5,190	-	25,448	6,634	-	-	87,513	134,165
Expenditure in year	(21,327)	(26,541)	(12,042)	(3,684)	-	(30,142)	-	(1,734)	(11,102)	(106,572)	(114,561)
Transfer to General reserve	-	-	1,761	-	(8,348)	-	-	-	-	(6,587)	(26,508)
	£ 2,914	£ 7,695	£ -	£ 1,506	£ 191,756	£ 11,127	£ 6,634	£ 4,266	£ - £	225,898	£ 251,544 =====

NHS:- Funds are being carried forward to meet expenditure post year end.

Financial Education Project:- Funds are being carried forward to fund the project for a few months post year end.

Scottish Gas:- Funds are being carried forward to fund the project for a few months post year end.

Capital Grants:- This reserve represents capital grants received and a transfer is made to the unrestricted fund each year to match the depreciation on the related asset.

Regional Training:- This reserve is to meet expenditure post year end.

CAS Money Advice Project:- This reserve is carried forward to meet expenditure post year end.

Kinship Care:- This fund is carried forward to cover expenditure on a project which commences post year end.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

10. Related Party transactions

During the year 3 trustees were reimbursed for out of pocket travel expenses which in total amounted to £533 (2008 - £711).

One of the trustees, J McKelvie, is paid an honorarium of £1,000 for his role as the charity's treasurer.

In addition 3 employees are also trustees of the company. These trustees are all managers within the charity. During the year the trustees received the following remuneration:-

	G	J	K	Total	Total
	Allan	Fullerton	Anderson	2009	2008
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross & Er's NIC	34,443	28,070	28,270	90,783	86,663
Pension	2,926	2,420	2,420	7,766	7,295
	£ 37,369	£ 30,490	£ 30,690	£ 98,549	£ 93,958

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	82,418	191,756	274,174
Current Assets	8,208	34,142	42,350
Current Liabilities	(13,524)	-	(13,524)
Net Assets at 31 March 2009	£ 77,102	£ 225,898	£ 303,000
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Notes to the accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2009

12. Financial Commitments

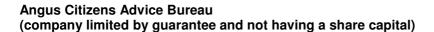
At 31 March 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancelable operating leases as follows:

	=====	=====
Over five years	9,000	9,000
Within two to five years	-	-
Within one year	-	-
Expiry Date:	£	£
	2009	2008

13. Contingent Liability

The company received a grant from Citizen Advice Scotland to purchase the Montrose property, however should these premises be sold the sale proceed would be distributed equally to CAS and any other contributor.





Management Report for the year ended 31 March 2009

GENERAL

This report supplements the Trustee's report on pages 3 to 5 hereto and covers in greater detail the operational and strategic outcomes during 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

A copy of the Management Structure is attached. All paid staff ultimately report to the Head of Service, although for the purposes of operational management certain posts may report through the Forfar and Montrose Managers.

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

A sub-group of the Trustees, known as the Management Support Group (MSG), with an approved remit from the Trustees, meet from time to time to consider draft strategic initiatives developed by the Head of Service or to deal with urgent business etc. The MSG has wide supporting powers in respect of the company's objects.

STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Ultimately strategic recommendations emanating from the MSG are approved by the Trustees and incorporated in the organisation's business plan which normally covers a three year period but is subject to an annual review. The current business plan was scheduled to run until 31 March 2010. However, because of the premature achievement of targets within that plan a new three year plan covering the period from April 2009 to March 2012 has been developed and was approved by the Trustees on the 12 August 2009. Further information on the outgoing plan is contained below. The bureau must also keep operational data through its statistical recording programme and the key information in this respect is set out below.

CORE FUNDING AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

The local authority core funding which is currently at a pleasing level of £126,792 per annum is greatly appreciated and allows the bureau to undertake its prime activity of providing general advice and specific specialist services to the community. Other project work is designed in-house and funded normally through a competitive tendering or prescribed application process to independent funding bodies or the statutory agencies. Other funding initiatives, the rent of premises and miscellaneous income provide a further £113,688 of additional revenue, bringing the total available income for 2008/2009 to £240,480. Again we record our thanks to Angus Council and those other funders.

Following their final assessment of the outgoing Business Plan referred to above the Trustees are confident that Angus residents already receive a "best value" service and the development of new projects during 2008 which were up and running by 1 April 2009 adds weight to this claim. The new services are:

• Scottish Power People Energy Trust Financial Education Project (B4 Fuel Fair)

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Hillcrest Housing Association)

- Credit Crunch Advice Project (CREDIT CAP) (Funded by the Scottish Government and
 - HMRC Money Advice and Benefit Enquiries Project (MAABE)
 - Training and Quality Management Project (Funded by Citizens Advice Scotland)

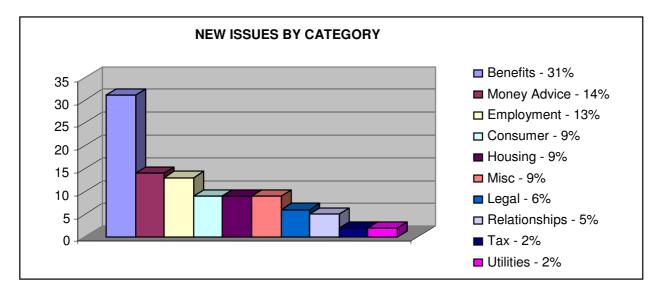
The cumulative value of the above new projects in financial year 2009/2010 will amount to £151,656.

OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CLIENT CONTACTS 1 APRIL 2008 – 31 MARCH 2009	NEW	REPEAT	TOTAL
Arbroath	5131	1336	6467
Forfar	2925	631	3556
Montrose	2343	900	3243
Totals	10399	2867	13266

CLIENT ISSUES				
1 APRIL 2008 – 31 MARCH 2009	NEW	REPEAT	TOTAL	
Arbroath	5519	1951	7470	
Forfar	5096	1248	6344	
Montrose	2693	1750		4443
Totals	13308	4949	18257	

These statistics reflect a 12.7% increase in new client contacts and an 8.8% increase in all issues brought by clients to the bureau by comparison with the same period in 2007/2008. The percentage of new issues by category (13,308) is shown on the bar chart below:-



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The unit cost for each new client contact (10,399 in all) using the Local Authority grant funding figure of £126,792 and the Scottish Gas Energy Trust grant of £15,190 (total £141,982) is £13.65 and for new and repeat contacts (total 13,266) £10.70.

The unit cost per new issue dealt with (total 13,308) is £10.67 and for new and repeat combined (18,257) £7.78.

STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The winding up of the outgoing business plan allowed the Trustees to focus on the strategic achievements in the year ending 31 March 2009 and their view that the CAB service is invaluable to Angus residents is endorsed by:-

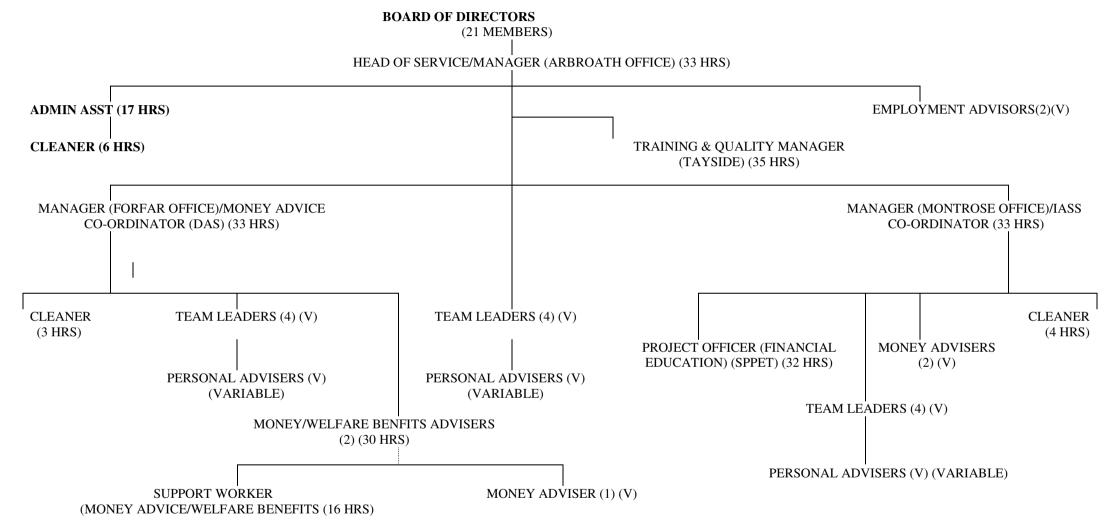
- Financial gains of £3,223,285 generated for Angus residents.
- £3,375,854 of debt rescheduled for Angus residents.
- 13,266 client contacts overall for advice mainly associated with money, employment and welfare benefit matters, consumer and relationship problems and housing and other legal issues.
- An additional £113,688 raised in-house during 2008/2009 mainly from special projects work and other social welfare initiatives.
- £120,040 of new funding generated in the early part of 2009 for two new money advice/welfare benefit projects to run from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2011 to cater for the impact of the economic recession on Angus residents.
- The creation of a new financial education project funded by the Scottish Power Energy People Trust worth £68,169 for the two-year period commencing 1 February 2009.
- Full refurbishment of a major part of the Arbroath office at an overall cost of £49,386 funded through a combination of grants and other fees generated by in-house initiatives.
- The creation of a new post of Training and Quality Manager from 1 July 2009 shared amongst the three Tayside Bureaux to implement the programme for recruiting, selecting and training volunteers and for developing and co-ordinating the operational plan for the Tayside Bureaux for the introduction of the Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers. The funding amounts to £80,967 over a two year period.
- A very positive, independent evaluation by the Scottish Government's Independent Assessor of our first Financial Education Project which came to an end in March 2009.

- The successful completion of the Scottish Gas Energy People Trust Money Advice Project which met its stated aims with 122 clients receiving money advice and support in financial education. The debt rescheduled over the two years of this project amounted to £2.43 million part of which is contained in the £3.223 million of rescheduled debt referred to at the start of this section. In addition grants totalling £34,229 were awarded to 82 disadvantaged Angus residents.
- A Diamond Certificate awarded by Citizens Advice Scotland for Social Policy work completed both locally and nationally. In all 232 returns were made to the Social Policy Unit in the year ended 31 March 2009, substantially above the projected number.

In summary the Trustees are very satisfied that Angus CAB has met its stated strategic and operational objectives in an effective and efficient manner and commend the staff for maintaining quality of service and providing added value to Angus citizens against a background of ever increasing demands on the service. This Management Report was approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2009 and signed on their behalf by:-

 Chair	 Head of Service
 Date	 Date

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