



Your Moray - Your Community

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP 5 NOVEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP CONSULTATIONS

BY: MORAY COUNCIL - CORPORATE POLICY UNIT
MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to update the Community Engagement Group on the consultations and seminar outcomes falling within the Greener Strategic Group remit.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Engagement Group notes:

- (i) the consultations currently being undertaken by the Greener Strategic Group, and
- (ii) the outcome of the Green Business Seminar

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reports were submitted to the Greener Strategic Group on 8th October 2009 asking for comments on the following consultations:

- (i) Fuel Poverty Strategy
- (ii) Draft Climate Change Action Plan

- 3.2 The Fuel Poverty Strategy will form a chapter within the interim Local Housing Strategy which will be made available for public consultation in January 2010. The Fuel Poverty Chapter will be structured around 4 strategic themes associated with addressing fuel poverty, namely:

- (i) Intelligence – ascertain the nature and extent of fuel poverty in Moray
- (ii) Awareness raising and training
- (iii) Energy efficiency of housing stock
- (iv) Fuel costs and income maximisation

- 3.3 In signing the Scottish Climate declaration, the Council made a commitment to prepare and publicly declare a Climate Change Action plan to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The strategy describes the present situation, future intentions and actions for the Moray Council to take in order to achieve the strategic aims set out within the strategy.
- 3.4 A Green Business seminar was held at the Gallery, Elgin Library on 15 September 2009. The event focused on energy efficiency, with presentations from Envirowise and the Energy Savings Trust (EST). The event was well received with approximately 25 delegates attending to represent various businesses across Moray. Delegates gave very positive feedback on the usefulness of the event, and there are ongoing talks to organise a renewables event in early 2010.
- 3.5 More detailed information on these consultations and seminars can be found within the meeting papers on the Community Planning Website www.yourmoray.org.uk

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**
The Fuel Poverty action plan and the draft Climate Change Action Plan both support the objectives of the Single Outcome Agreement.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
None
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**
None
- (d) **Consultations**
None

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 **The Community Engagement Group is asked to note the consultations currently being undertaken by the Greener Strategic Group and note the outcome of the Green Business Seminar.**

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