

**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP 18 FEBRUARY 2010**

**SUBJECT: SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION - DATA ZONES AND INTERMEDIATE GEOGRAPHIES**

**BY: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – THE MORAY COUNCIL**

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 This report is to inform the Community Engagement Group of the naming of data zones and intermediate geographies within Moray and to seek input on the publicity of these names.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Community Engagement Group is asked to:**

- (i) Note the naming of the 116 data zones and 24 intermediate geographies in Moray.**
- (ii) Identify any individuals or organisations known to be using data at a data zone or intermediate geography level.**
- (iii) Consider means of publicising data zone and intermediate geography names to relevant organisations and individuals.**
- (iv) Comment on a draft article for the 'Your Moray' website on this subject.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 **Data zone and intermediate geography names were agreed following a report to the last meeting of the Community Engagement Group on 5 November 2009**

3.1.1 The Group agreed to use data zone names created by The Geographical Information Systems (GIS) / Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG) Officer at The Moray Council in 2007 in collaboration with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) for the purposes of their fragile areas assessment. These names are presented in **Appendix 1**.

3.1.2 The Community Engagement Group agreed at the meeting held on 5 November 2009 (paragraph 3d of the minute refers) that the GIS/CAG Officer, the Elections Officer and the Research and Information Officer (Fairer Scotland Fund) create names for intermediate geographies (also known as intermediate zones) considering administrative and historical boundaries and settlements. This was completed in December 2009 and names are presented in **Appendix 2**.

3.1.3 The next release of the SIMD is likely to be in 2012 and the Office of the Chief Statistician has indicated that local names for data zones and intermediate

geographies may be used to present results if sufficient response is received from Community Planning Partners. Data zone and intermediate geography names were sent to the Office of the Chief Statistician in January 2010.

### **3.2 Publicising data zone and intermediate geography names**

- 3.2.1 The names presented in the appendices of this report should be accessible to all Community Planning partners who use or may wish to use small area statistics.
- 3.2.2 The group is asked to consider the most appropriate organisations and individuals to receive the names and the most appropriate method(s) of publication.
- 3.2.3 The group is invited to comment on an article that has been drafted for 'Your Moray', presented in Appendix 3.

## **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**

Names would be used in the Single Outcome Agreement, Strategic Assessments and Fairer Scotland Fund project work in future to describe specific areas of deprivation.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Community Engagement Group is asked to note the agreed names for the data zones and intermediate geographies in Moray and to consider publicity of these among Community Planning partners.**

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Background Papers: Scottish Index Of Multiple Deprivation - Naming Data Zones And Intermediate Geographies -