

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP ON 18 FEBRUARY 2010

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP

BY: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, THE MORAY COUNCIL

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To report on the work of the short life working group on the Community Engagement Framework

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Community Engagement group;

- **agrees the remit of the group**
- **notes the progress of the group**
- **reconsiders the survey, recommendations and endorses the Community Engagement Framework and recommendations**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the Community Engagement Group on 22 January 2009, (paragraph 3 of the minute refers) it was agreed to implement the Community Engagement action plan. This report relates to the following actions contained in the plan:

- Action 2 – “develop guidelines for community engagement in Moray: carry out research and produce draft framework” (Aug '09)

3.2 At the Community Engagement Group held on 5 November 2009 (paragraph 4 of the minute refers) a draft community engagement framework and the results of research carried out was presented. It was agreed that a short life working group be established with the remit of:

- Clarifying how the draft Community Engagement Framework will be used for implementation across the Partnership.
- Considering recommendations from the survey which would assist in meeting the best practice model outlined in the draft framework for community engagement model.

3.2 The group met and representatives Eileen Bush (MVSO), Alistair Kennedy (Joint Community Councils) Carin Schwartz (The Moray Forum) John Ferguson and Martine Scott of the Moray Council met on the 28 January 2010.

- 3.3 The group considered the remit and agreed future meeting dates .They have arranged dates for the group to meet in February and March 2010.
- 3.4 The group went through the draft Community Engagement Framework attached as Appendix 1 and felt that the framework needed to be presented again to the Community Engagement Group as it was felt that members did not have time to consider the framework and recommendations fully.
- 3.5 The group also began to consider 8 recommendations that arose from the survey and agreed that these should also be represented to the Community Engagement Group as it was important that members of the Community Engagement Group had another opportunity to explore the survey findings in order to fully understand the context of the framework. (Attached as appendix 2)

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement

The Community Planning Partnership and related structures are responsible for the delivery and commitments within the SOA.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Local Government Scotland Act 2003 requires that the partnership engage with community bodies as part of the community planning process. The Council must meet the requirements of the Scottish Government to comply with the Concordat. The Community Planning Statutory Partners are required to sign up to the whole SOA and be held accountable for its delivery. The Audit Commission has given clear indications that the new Local Government audit process will include an audit of community engagement processes. The Moray Council's Strategy on Consultation and Community Engagement commits the Council to develop its community engagement in line with the National Standards for Community Engagement.

(c) Consultations

The views of members of the short life working group were included in the contents of this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 **The short life working group has met to discuss its remit and recommends that the CEG note the progress of the group and endorse fully the community engagement framework and the recommendations that arose from the survey**

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Background Papers:

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