

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP ON 13 MAY 2010

SUBJECT: SHORTLIFE WORKING GROUP

BY: MORAY COUNCIL - COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Community Engagement Group is asked to consider the proposal of the Community Engagement Short Life Working Group to hold a seminar on Community Engagement in June 2010.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **The Community Engagement Group supports the proposal to hold a Community Engagement Seminar to assist in the development of the Community Engagement Framework.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the meeting of the Community Engagement Group held on 18 February 2010 a remit for the Short Life Working Group was agreed which was that they would:

- Clarify how the draft Community Engagement Framework will be used for implementation across the Partnership
- Consider recommendations from the survey which would assist in meeting the best practice model outlined in the draft Community Engagement Framework
- Carry out the survey
- Map the structures of the Partners staffing structures

3.2 The restructured group met on 20 April 2010 and discussed how best they could implement their remit and it was agreed that a Community Planning Partnership event will be organised that would highlight the importance of community engagement to Community Planning and allow for that detailed look at what requires to be done to make the framework a success.

3.3 The event would focus on identifying what steps needed to be taken to allow the Partnership to implement the Community Engagement Framework as agreed by the Community Engagement Group. The survey questions would form the basis of the event and that information would inform a Community Engagement Strategy.

3.4 The programme would include a number of short inputs highlighting good practice for example Angus CPP, Better Community Engagement, the Moray Council's Budget Consultation and a Health Consultation event

3.5 Transition Town Forres have offered the use of 'QWIZDOM', an innovative engagement tool which allows measurements of opinion to be collated and displayed at meetings. Members of the group are now looking at how the survey questions can be presented using this tool.

- 3.6 There was discussion and agreement that it was essential that the Community Engagement Group and the Board gave its full support to this event and that the widest partnership attendance was crucial and that effort should be put into ensuring that senior management and representatives attend. It was also agreed that a paper would go to the next Board meeting informing Partners of the event and seeking support.
- 3.7 The event will be held on 29 June from 9.30am till 4.30pm at Spynie Dental Centre, Elgin.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement

This initiative will contribute to National Outcome 11 in the Single Outcome Agreement; “we have strong resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others” and to National Outcome 15; “our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs.

(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 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) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Any costs can be met from existing Partners budgets. Staff from across the Partnership will be involved in organising and facilitating the event. Transition Town Forres will supply the QUIZDOM tool and NHS Grampian will provide the venue.

(c) Consultations

The proposal has been discussed at the Short Life Working Group of The Community Engagement Group. The event proposed will allow a wider consultative process to be implemented across the partnership and have implications for future consultative processes.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Community Engagement Group is invited to consider the proposals for Community Consultation.

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Background Papers:
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