

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSON'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 11 JUNE 2008**

**SUBJECT: REVISED OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MORAY FOSTERING AND ADOPTION PANELS**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval from Committee in updating the operational arrangements for the Moray Adoption and Fostering Panels.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising functions of the Council under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that Committee agree the the revised operational arrangements for the operation of the Moray Fostering and Adoption Panels.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At Social Work Committee on 4 March 1996, an Adoption and Fostering Panel was established in Moray to meet the new Council's responsibilities as a fostering and adoption agency (para 4 of the minute refers). On 1<sup>st</sup> April 1996 separate Adoption and Fostering Panels were created in accordance with the Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 1996 and the Fostering of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1996. The panels in Moray have the same membership but their proceedings are minuted separately.
- 3.2 The revised operational arrangements reflect the operational experience in conducting panel business over time. They are available in the Members Library.
- 3.3 The work of the Moray Adoption and Fostering Panels has been reported to Committee on an annual basis.

**4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Development Plan/ Community Plan/ Service Improvement Plan**

The technical changes referred to in this report have no significant planning implications.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The policy and legal implications have been referred to earlier in the report.

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

There are no significant resource implications associated with this report.

**(d) Consultations**

This report has been prepared by the Chair of the Moray Fostering and Adoption Panels and Margaret Forrest, Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Licensing) who acts as the Panel's Legal Advisor. Panel members were also consulted.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 The recommendation in this report seeks to update the operational arrangements of the Moray Fostering and Adoption Panels.**

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