



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD - 29 MAY 2008

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to ask the Board to note the agreed Partnership Agreement and consider whether any amendments need to be made in light of changes to the community planning structures.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board consider the existing Partnership Agreement to determine if this Agreement continues to meet the needs of the revised structures. If agreed, the Agreement will be circulated to all groups within the community planning structure for their reference.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Partnership Agreement a number of years ago to set out the undertakings given by the partners and the intended basis of the relationship. It is the intention of the partners to operate within the Agreement in a spirit of mutual trust.
- 3.2 The current Agreement needs slight amending to reflect the changes in the partners contained in para. 3.1 and titles in para. 3.4.1. There may also be a need to add the Single Outcome Agreement and national themes to para. 3.3 to reflect the changes to the objectives and priorities of the partnership.
- 3.3 In addition to the minor amendments the Board may wish to consider the overall content to ensure that it reflects the spirit of the recent changes to the community planning structure.

- 3.4 Another Agreement in use within the Community Planning structure is the Moray Community Health Social Care Partnership – Role and Membership document. Though it was updated in September 2007, it too will need to be revised in light of the recent change to the structure. There may be statements within this document which you may wish to consider incorporating in the Partnership Agreement.
- 3.5 Copies of the current Partnership Agreement and the Moray Community Health Social Care Partnership – Role and Membership are attached. **(APPENDICES 1 & 2)**

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**
This Agreement states how the Partnership will operate in a spirit of mutual trust. It is an important statement particularly with the change of emphasis within the Partnership to agree and deliver against the Single Outcome Agreement.
- (b) Policy and Legal**
The Agreement has been drafted by the council's Legal section in conjunction with the Partners.
- (c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)**
The Agreement states how the Partnership will manage the financial, staffing and risks.
- (d) Consultations**
The current Agreement has been developed in conjunction with partners and approved by the previous Community Planning Steering Group.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Partnership Agreement is an important document, which sets out the basic principles of how the partnership and the partners will operate. A review of the Agreement should be taken in light of the changes to the community planning structures and the requirement to deliver the Single Outcome Agreement.**

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Background Papers:

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