



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 29 May 2008

SUBJECT: PARTNER ANALYST - POST

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to note the establishment of Partner Analyst post, which will be funded, from the Fairer Scotland Fund.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Community Planning Steering Group meeting on 13th March 2008, it was agreed that the overall MCPP is revised to ensure that it is ready to delivery against the SOA. It also needs to have appropriate structures and monitoring arrangements in place to ensure that the priorities can be delivered. In order to do this the following must be agreed:

- (a) revise the remits of all of the Partnership groups to reflect the national and local priorities;
- (b) revise the structure of the Groups to ensure that there are strategic and co-ordinating groups with defined roles and scrutiny processes;
- (c) revise the membership of the group to include Elected Members on all strategic groups and to ensure that the right people are included at the appropriate level within the Partnership; and
- (d) move toward evidence-based priorities for the Partnership

- 3.2 To date the revised remits, structures and memberships have been implemented. The move towards evidence-based priorities for the Partnership has begun with the development of the Strategic Assessment for the Community Safety Partnership and the Single Outcome Agreement. Both of these documents used evidence to set the priorities.

- 3.3 Support for the Fairer Scotland Fund has also highlighted the need for analyst information to inform the direction of their work. The fund application states that “in order to regenerate Moray’s most disadvantaged communities, we need to develop a clear understanding of the extent and nature of deprivation in Moray through co-ordinated intelligence and a high quality of community engagement.” To address this need it is proposed that we will need to gather and analyse existing intelligence and research from across the partnership into deprivation. As a result the partnership will be able to undertake new research to assist in identifying the levels and nature of rural deprivation in Moray and develop a set of deprivation indicators for rural Moray.
- 3.4 In addition to the setting of priorities the analysis will be used to assist in targeting resources and managing progress against commitments throughout the year. At the moment neither individual partners nor the Partnership has the capacity to take on this level of work without increased levels of staffing.
- 3.5 Therefore in order to meet the reporting and monitoring requirements of the Single Outcome Agreement as well as the Fairer Scotland fund and the previous agreement of the Community Planning Steering Group for evidence-based priorities, it is proposed that a Partnership post of Partner Analyst is established in 2008-9. Funding for the Partner Analyst would be met by the Fairer Scotland Fund. A detailed report on the budget and the Fairer Scotland Fund are contained in this agenda.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

Reporting and monitoring actions against the Single Outcome Agreement and the move of the Partnership to the evidence-based priorities would require intensive performance analysis to inform the Partnership.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Single Outcome Agreement requires Councils to monitor and report its performance against the outcomes.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

The Partnership requires additional analysis support in order to meet the commitments within the Single Outcome Agreement, Fairer Scotland Fund and evidence-based priorities.

(d) Consultations

Community Planning Steering Group agreed to move towards evidence-based priorities for the Partnership.

5. CONCLUSION

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Background Papers:

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