



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD**

**SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009-2010**

**BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to consider a request from the voluntary sector via MVSO to hold an informal meeting with the Board to enable the sector to have input into the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to agree to meet with representatives from the voluntary sector to discuss their input into the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.

2.2 If approved, it is proposed that the arrangements for the meeting be remitted to the Chief Executive, Moray Council and Chief Officer, MVSO.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2008-9 is currently being finalised. Though the Council was not obliged to involve the Community Planning Partners in the development of the SOA this year, it will be required to do so in 2009-2010.

3.2 This year's SOA has had input from the Statutory Partners. It was one of 13 Councils who developed the Agreement with their Partners. However the responsibility to sign off the Agreement still rests with the Council.

3.3 In 2009-2010, the Community Planning Partnership will be required to not only be involved in the development of the Agreement but must also take responsibility for it by signing it off.

3.4 MVSO was not part of the development of SOA 2008-9 as involvement was limited to the statutory partners led by the Council. Nonetheless MVSO are included in the membership of the Community Planning Board who will be responsible for the SOA in 2009-2010. Therefore MVSO will like to take the opportunity to involve its sector in setting the priorities for the next SOA.

- 3.5 MVSO is unlike the other Board members in that it represents a variety of interest groups and without common priorities across all groups. Given this it is proposed that an invitation is extended to the voluntary sector through MVSO to meet with the Community Planning Board to discuss how the sector can make its voice known within the Partnership and how it can assist in establishing priorities for the Moray area. It would be proposed that an informal meeting between the voluntary sector and the Board be held.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**

The voluntary sector works in partnership with many of the services provided by the partner agencies.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

As part of the Community Planning Board, MVSO will have their share of responsibility for signing off the SOA 2009-2010. Additionally, there are consultation requirements within the Best Value and Community Planning legislation. This meeting would meet both requirements.

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

Besides the minimal costs of the meeting itself, other resources will be highlighted as priorities are agreed.

**(d) Consultations**

None.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 MVSO are an important partner within the Community Planning Partnership. However as an umbrella organisation it needs to ensure that all comments from the sector are given an opportunity to be aired within appropriate settings. An informal meeting will enable the Partnership to gain commitment from the sector to be involved in the development of local priorities for the Moray area. These priorities will inform the Partnership when agreeing its priorities for the SOA 2009-2010 and theme groups.**

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**Background Papers:**

**Ref:**