



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 7 AUGUST 2008**

**SUBJECT: SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

**BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to consider the next stages in the progression of the Single Outcome Agreement 2008-2009 and the developments for the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Community Planning Board is asked to note the next stages in progressing the Single Outcome Agreement. It is asked to consider what further work needs to be carried out to ensure that the deadlines are met.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Improvement Service circulated a draft timetable of the next steps. This timetable is attached. **(APPENDIX 1)**

3.2 **Phase 1** - The Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2008-2009 was approved by the Scottish Government on 30 June 2008. The SOA will be formally signed on 20<sup>th</sup> August during the visit by Richard Lochhead, MSP.

3.3 **Phase 2** – The Moray Council was given specific ‘critical friend’ feedback by the Improvement Service on our SOA. This feedback is attached. **(APPENDIX 2)**

3.4 On 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Improvement Service met with the Council’s Corporate Management Team and the Community Planning Statutory Partners to discuss this feedback. In relation to some of the overall comments, it was agreed at the meeting that Moray would continue to have directional targets rather than SMART targets as this would give the Partnership a truer picture of progress.

- 3.5 Additionally it was agreed that the comments in relation to prioritising the priorities were more relevant for individual partner organisations. Much work went into the drafting of the SOA priorities to reflect this area's priorities. But individual organisations may wish to consider relative priorities when considering how work in delivering outcomes is to be resourced.
- 3.6 **Phase 3** – At the meeting the group also provided feedback on what would be useful to be contained in the guidance which the Improvement Services aim to produce by October 2008. The suggestions included resolving some of the inconsistent messages and advice from Scottish Government, addressing some of the national issues driving partners which prevents them from devoting resources to local issues and providing sources of any performance indicators.
- 3.7 The meeting also asked for feedback on any major priorities highlighted by other authorities not contained in our SOA. This would give an indication of areas, which we may have missed in our first document.
- 3.8 **Phase 4** – It is envisaged that preparation for the SOA 2009-2010 will begin earlier than November as it is important that consultation on the priorities and actions with the SOA is undertaken. An initial consultation exercise will take place with the voluntary sector at the joint meeting of this group and representatives of the voluntary sector. This meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.
- 3.9 Further consultation is planned with the community once the strategic assessments have been drafted as these will form the basis of discussion on the priorities.
- 3.10 **Phase 5** – The Community Planning Board will have considerable involvement in the discussion with the Scottish Government prior to the sign-off of the SOA 2009-2010.
- 3.11 **Phase 6** – Quarterly reports on the progress against the SOA will be submitted to the five Strategic Groups from the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of meetings beginning in November. Producing a Public Performance Report will then flow from these quarterly monitoring statements.
- 3.12 **Summary** – At local level Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) will need to fully engage in this process from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 onwards in preparation for Community Planning Partnerships' SOAs submitted for 2009-2010 onwards. However as the feedback stated "as the SOA is already owned by the Moray CPP you should be in a strong position to develop it further for sign off in 2009".

#### 4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

Since the CPP has already been engaged in the process, our current SOA should have addressed the main priorities for Moray though it is appreciated that a wider involvement is necessary for the development of the next SOA, which may impact on the priorities. Nonetheless it is envisaged that the SOA 2009-2010 should be a developmental document rather than a major re-write. This will enable the Partnership to see progress over time against each of the priority areas. This will also enable the Partnership to re-write the Community Plan and partners to develop their local plans, which reflect the current SOA priorities.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The Council in conjunction with the CPP has signed-off the SOA for 2008-2009. The CPP will be required to sign-off the SOA in 2009-2010.

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

By using the current SOA as a basis of the priorities, it enables the Partnership and partners to address the financial, staffing and risks associated with the priorities.

**(d) Consultations**

The agreement to develop the SOA 2009-2010 from the current SOA has been discussed at the meeting with the Improvement Service.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 There are three major areas of work to be done as highlighted by the timetable issued by the Improvement Service.**

- (i) The current SOA 2008-2009 needs to be monitored to ensure that progress is being made. These monitoring reports will form the basis of the public performance report due in 2009.**

**(ii) Preparation on the development of the SOA 2009-2010 will begin shortly and needs to ensure that wider involvement in the process is undertaken.**

**(iii)The SOA 2009-2010 needs to build on the current SOA to enable the Partnership and Partners to reflect the priorities within their plans. This will be the only way to ensure the that progress in made against the priorities in the longer term as partners will place resources against the delivery of the priorities.**

**5.2 The Moray CPP is in a good position to achieve the deadline for the Partnership to sign-off the Agreement in 2009 as it has already included partners within the current SOA process.**

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**Background Papers: Letter/timescale from the Improvement Service**

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