



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 30 OCTOBER 2008

SUBJECT: PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Community Planning Board is invited to consider and approve a Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Board considers and approves the attached Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Single Outcome Agreement includes 15 national outcomes and associated local outcomes to be addressed by the Community Planning Partnership. Responsibility for meeting each of the national outcomes has been split between the relevant Theme Groups, with the exception of Outcome 15, which is the responsibility of the Community Planning Board.
- 3.2 It is recognised by the Partnership that in order to achieve each of the outcomes of the SOA there are a significant number of cross-cutting issues and actions, which need to be effectively addressed across a number of the themes.
- 3.3 During the first two cycles of meetings of the new Strategic Theme Groups, a number of cross-cutting issues, both strategic and operational, have been raised. Due to the absence of any clear guidance on the matter, these issues have been addressed on an ad hoc basis. However, in order to ensure that all cross-cutting issues are addressed effectively in future it was felt that it would be useful to establish a Protocol, setting how this should be done.

- 3.4 The Protocol, which sets out how both strategic and operational cross-cutting issues should be addressed, is attached as (**Appendix 1**).

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

Given that the majority of issues, which are highlighted within the Single Outcome Agreement, Community Plan and Theme Plans, relate to more than one theme, it is important that clear and effective processes are put in place to address such cross-cutting issues.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

The Community Planning Partnership has an obligation to meet the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement and to address effectively cross-cutting issues within it.

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

There are no such implications arising directly from this report.

(d) **Consultations**

The Lead Officers of the Wealthier and Fairer, Safer and Stronger, Healthier and Greener Strategic Theme Groups and the Council's Principal Committee Services Officer have been consulted in drawing up the proposed Protocol.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Board is invited to consider and approve a Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.**

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Background Papers: Protocol for Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues

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