



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 30 OCTOBER 2008

SUBJECT: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND OUTCOMES

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

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Community Planning Board is invited to note decisions taken since the last meeting with regard to the Fairer Scotland Funding.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes:

- (i) the decision of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group to continue funding to the end of this financial year a number of projects currently receiving transitional funding under the Fairer Scotland Fund.**
- (ii) the decision of the Council's Communities Committee to approve the establishment of three posts to support the Community Planning Partnership in utilising the Fairer Scotland Fund – Fairer Scotland Fund Manager, Fairer Scotland Administrator and Partner Analyst.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At its meeting on 7 August 2008, the Board agreed to remit two reports concerning the Fairer Scotland Fund for the consideration of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group.

3.2 The Safer and Stronger Strategic Group met on 21 August 2008 and considered the two reports.

3.3 The first report, containing the final Fairer Scotland Fund submission to the Scottish Government, was noted by the Group.

- 3.4 The Group then considered the second report, containing evaluations of projects funded by transitional funding from the Fairer Scotland Fund. The projects concerned are:
- More Choices, More Chances
 - Mobile Information Bus
 - Moray Youth Justice

An evaluation of a fourth project, Moray Youthstart, was also included for information only, as it ceased operating in June 2008.

- 3.5 These projects were previously funded through other ring-fenced funding streams, including the Regeneration Outcome Agreement, the Changing Children's Services Fund and the More Choices, More Chances Programme, which have all now been replaced by Fairer Scotland Funding.

- 3.6 The Government recognised that in the first year of the Fairer Scotland Fund there would be a managed transition period between previous ring-fenced funding arrangements and the new arrangements. As a result transitional funding arrangements were put in place for the three projects listed in 3.4. At its meeting on 28 May 2008 the Board agreed to continue the funding until September 2008 and asked for an evaluation of the projects to be carried out and submitted to its next meeting on 7 August 2008. At that meeting the Board agreed to remit the matter to the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group meeting on 21 August 2008.

- 3.7 The Safer and Stronger Strategic Group considered the matter and agreed to continue the funding of the three projects until the end of this financial year.

- 3.8 At a meeting of the Council's Communities Committee on 07 October 2008 it was agreed that three new posts be established to support the Community Planning Partnership in utilising the Fairer Scotland Fund. The posts are:

- (i) Fairer Scotland Fund Manager, who will manage and develop use of the Fairer Scotland Fund
- (ii) Fairer Scotland Fund Administrator, who will assist the Fairer Scotland Fund Manager and provide clerical and administrative support to both the Manager and the Partnership Analyst
- (iii) Partner Analyst, who will develop a clear understanding of the extent and nature of deprivation through coordinated intelligence, as well as monitoring and evaluating impact, setting and establishing clear targets and providing information for effective targeting of research and resources

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Fairer Scotland Fund is closely aligned to the Single Outcome Agreement and the investment will allow the Partnership to invest in actions outlined in the SOA.

(b) Policy and Legal

As outlined in 3.6, the Government recognised that there would be a managed transition period between previous ring-fenced funding arrangements and the new arrangements.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

The Fairer Scotland Fund allocation will be ring fenced in the first two years. The ring fencing is likely to be removed in 2010/11.

(d) Consultations

The Safer and Stronger Strategic Group was consulted in respect of the continued funding of the three projects, outlined in 3.4.

The Council's Head of Financial Services was consulted in respect of the financial implications set out in 4(c). The Council's Principal Personnel Adviser was consulted in respect of the establishment of the three staff posts, outlined in 3.8.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Board is invited to note the decision of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group to continue funding to the end of this financial year a number of projects currently receiving transitional funding under the Fairer Scotland Fund and the decision of the Council's Communities Committee to approve the establishment of three posts to support the Community Planning Partnership in utilising the Fairer Scotland Fund.**

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Background Papers:

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