

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2008

RESOURCE CENTRE, POLICE OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor J Hamilton	The Moray Council
Councillor J Divers	The Moray Council
Councillor G McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor E McGillivray	The Moray Council
Councillor G McIntyre	The Moray Council
Councillor P Paul	The Moray Council
Councillor A Wright	The Moray Council
Martin Johnson	HIE Moray
Mike Devenney	Moray College
Andrew Fowlie	NHS Grampian
Alan Smailes	Grampian Police
Dave Thewliss	Grampian Fire & Rescue
Eileen Bush	MVSO

IN ATTENDANCE

Alastair Keddie, Chief Executive, The Moray Council, Bridget Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager The Moray Council, John Ferguson, Community Planning & Development Manager The Moray Council, Roy Anderson, Community Planning Officer The Moray Council, and Moira Patrick, Principal Committee Services Officer, The Moray Council, Clerk to the Meeting.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Hunter, Scottish Government

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Andy Coueslant, Grampian Fire and Rescue and Barbara Bruce, NHS Grampian.

1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 7 AUGUST 2008

The Minute of the Meeting of the Community Planning Board dated 7 August 2008 was submitted and approved.

2. PRESENTATION BY LIZ HUNTER, SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

On the invitation of the Chairman, Liz Hunter addressed the meeting. She advised of her role as one of 16 Directors within the Scottish Government involved in liaison between the Scottish Government and all of the 32 Scottish Local Authorities in the formation of the Single Outcome Agreements.

She advised that her role was two fold; firstly to support the Chief Executive in working to establish the Single Outcome Agreement for Moray and secondly to learn about the issues, challenges and possibilities for Moray and providing feedback on these to the Scottish Government to help ensure that when the Scottish Government takes decisions it has the full knowledge of local areas.

She further advised that the next task was to prepare a revised SOA for 2009/10, which was expected for the end of February 2009 for signing off at the end of May 2009. She stated that guidance on the SOA will focus on what Moray is about, what does the Partnership want to do over the next 3 years, what will make a difference to the people of Moray and that resources should be targeted to meet those priorities. Whilst it was tempting to try and include everything within the SOA, she stated that she would be encouraging Moray to keep it as short and strategic as possible with the focus being on how to achieve the targets set.

At the conclusion of her presentation, she answered questions from the Board.

In response to a query regarding how the Scottish Government will monitor/evaluate SOA outcomes and whether they meet the national outcomes, she stated that this was about mutual responsibility and about what works for Moray. She advised that her role would be to monitor Moray's outcomes and advise the Scottish Government accordingly and that a report for local authorities would be produced in September 2009 but reiterated that it should not be seen as 'an exam' but a process in a mutual relationship.

The Chief Executive sought clarification on what was contained within the national guidance, which had yet to be circulated. In response she advised that she had had sight of the 'draft' guidance and stated that there was nothing within the guidance, which differed from what she had already discussed. She further advised that she would encourage the use of 'direction of travel' targets as opposed to 'smart' targets, which in her opinion could prove to be quite difficult.

She further reiterated that the SOA needs to be short and strategic as possible and that if it contained everything there was a danger that nothing would get done. The document should contain a clear line of sight for analysis to what the priorities are going to be. She further stated that day-to-day business will go on but did not require to be included in the SOA.

In response to concerns that the message was not getting out she stated that this is a learning experience and would very much encourage discussion and

consultation so people understand and that it was a challenge for the Scottish Government as well as others to get the message out.

Thereafter it was agreed that Scottish Government guidance be circulated to all Board Members when it becomes available and the Chairman thanked Ms Hunter for her presentation and stated that her support in regard to the SOA was appreciated.

3. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009-2010

The Chief Executive provided the meeting with an oral update regarding progress with the SOA and advised that 'Moray Performs' had been updated and that a report on performance monitoring against the SOA would be provided to the next meeting of the Board due to be held on 5 February 2009.

Following discussion it was agreed that a Special Meeting of the CP Board be held on 27 November 2008 to consider SOA 2009-2010 and it was noted that a comprehensive report on PIs and actions in the SOA 2008-09 would be submitted to the special meeting.

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager inviting the Board to consider how other Community Planning Partnerships are provided with funding to cover their administration costs and whether any of the approaches outlined in the report might be appropriate for adoption in Moray.

Following consideration the Board noted the approaches taken by other Community Planning Partnerships to fund their administration costs and agreed to continue the current arrangement of partners contributing to budgetary needs as they are identified.

5. PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager inviting the Board to consider and approve a Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.

Following consideration the Board approved the Protocol for addressing cross-cutting issues, and agreed that the Protocol be circulated to the five Strategic Theme Groups.

6. FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND OUTCOMES

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager inviting the Board to note decisions taken since the last meeting with regard to Fairer Scotland Funding.

During discussion clarification was sought in regard to the use of Fairer Scotland Funding to fund Community Planning Boards elsewhere.

In response Liz Hunter advised that she was unsure of the details regarding this and would take this back to the Scottish Government to obtain guidance on this.

Following consideration the Board noted:

- (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 Fund Administrator and Partner Analyst.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There was submitted for information, the Action Sheets relating to the undernoted Community Planning Theme Groups, which had met to date:

- (a) Safer & Stronger Strategic Group dated 21 August 2008 - Noted
- (b) Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group dated 21 August 2008

Under reference to Item 4 of the Action Sheet, the Meeting noted that Mike Devenney would be providing an oral update on the proposed new Life Sciences facility at Moray College to the next meeting of the Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group.

- (c) Smarter Strategic Group dated 4 September 2008 - Noted
- (d) Greener Strategic Group dated 18 September 2008 - Noted

Under reference to Item 3(a)(ii) of the Action Sheet, it was agreed that the Community Planning Officer would circulate to all Partners details of project activities provided to members of the Greener Strategic Group

- (e) Healthier Strategic Group dated 2 October 2008 – Noted
- (f) Community Engagement Group dated 16 October 2008 - Noted

8. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board noted that the next scheduled meeting was due to be held on Thursday 5 February 2009.

The Chairman reiterated his invitation to all Partners to submit items for discussion at future meetings of the Board and in response Martin Johnson, HIE Moray advised that a report on Youth Migration had just been completed and agreed that this could be presented by the Consultants to the next meeting.

Alan Smailes, Grampian Police, advised that he might also have an item for inclusion at the next meeting.

Thereafter it was agreed that the venue would be Horizon Centre, Forres subject to confirmation.

9. NORTH-EAST SCOTLAND INTEGRATED PROPERTY STRATEGY 2008

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Estates Services inviting the Board to note the terms of the North East of Scotland Integrated Property Strategy 2008/2009.