

**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

**SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF CIVIL SERVICE JOBS**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The Director of Environmental Services wishes to advise the Community Planning Board of current investigations

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Community Planning Board is asked to note the current position and await a fuller report, which will be presented to the next meeting.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The issue of dispersing Civil Service jobs has been pursued by the last two National Governments although the criteria used to examine possible moves have been refined over the years.

3.2 Moray Council staff are already in discussions with HIE to determine whether a joint case can be made for the relocation of civil service jobs within Moray. Key factors will be good connectivity and the availability of suitable buildings.

3.3 The information collated will allow Community Planning Partners to assess the risks and benefits involved.

**SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

The development of the local economy is a key factor within the SOA agreed by the Community Planning Partners. The attraction of Civil Service jobs would broaden the economic base of Moray and increase opportunities within the local jobs market.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The Scottish Government views on the use of the fund are outlined as maintaining and facilitating the process of Community Planning.

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

At present the investigation is at an early stage but in the event of expenditure being necessary a business case will be presented.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

**5.1 The Board is asked to note the actions taken by staff. The development of a business case will allow partners to identify and assess the risks and benefits involved.**

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Background Papers:

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