

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 27 AUGUST 2009

SUBJECT: THE NATION'S COMMITMENT TO THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY : CONSISTENT AND ENDURING SUPPORT – A CONSULTATION PAPER

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to comment on “The Nation’s Commitment to the Armed Forces Community : Consistent and Enduring Support” as part of the current consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Board note the public consultation paper, consider the options and contribute to the consultation.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Defence Secretary launched this consultation paper on Service personnel issues on 16 July 2009, starting a public debate on how to improve the support given to the Armed Forces community.
- 3.2 This consultation builds on last summer’s publication of the Command Paper, “The Nation’s Commitment : Cross-Government Support to our Armed Forces, their Families and Veterans”, which was the first cross-Government strategy to improve the level of support given to the Armed forces community.
- 3.3 This consultation paper sets out a range of options to ensure that the principles enshrined within the original Command paper are recognised, understood and upheld at all levels of administration, from policy formulation right through to service delivery at a local level. A copy of the introduction is attached for reference **(Appendix 1)**.

- 3.4 The consultation closes on 31 October 2009 and any responses should be passed to Donna Skene, Project Officer, Chief Executive's Office by e-mail to donna.skene@moray.gov.uk who will collate and return a response from the Partnership.
- 3.5 A copy of the full consultation is available on the website www.yourmoray.org.uk

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Single Outcome Agreement has identified outcomes, which include increasing the influence that the people of Moray have over decisions, which affect their communities and lives and their active participation.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

None.

(d) Consultations

None.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Board note the public consultation paper, consider the options and contribute to the consultation.**

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Background Papers:

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