

**WEALTHIER & FAIRER STRATEGIC GROUP MEETING – 21 MAY 2009**

**ACTION SHEET**

ITEM NO.	TITLE OF REPORT	DECISION	ACTION BY
	Membership of the Group	<p>Present: Councillors J Russell (Chair), S Cree, G McDonald, P Paul, and A Wright, Mike Devenney, Moray College, Martin Johnson, HIE Moray and Jim Johnston, Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Also present:: Ian Fraser, HIE Moray</p> <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Alan Bodman, Federation of Small Businesses and Gordon Holland, HITRANS.</p>	Clerk
1.	Minute of Meeting dated 19 February 2009	<p>Following consideration the Group agreed to approve the Minute as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the Elgin 'City for the Future' project being included under the items marked with a (P) under item 2 of the Minute "Wealthier and Fairer Priorities".</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	Clerk
2.	Single Outcome Agreement (2009-10) – Progress Update (Oral Report)	<p>Mrs B Mustard, the Corporate Policy Unit Manager, updated the Group with regard to the Single Outcome Agreement. She advised that the SOA 2009/10 had been agreed by the Moray Council at a special meeting held on 12 May 2009 and by the Community Planning Board at its meeting on 29 May 2009. Thereafter, a series of special meetings had been arranged for the theme groups to agree their key outcomes.</p> <p>She further advised that overall, progression was going well and templates would be sent to lead officers for definition of milestones to measure progress and a report would be submitted to the Community Planning Board on 10 June 2009 to sign off the SOA for 2008/09. Thereafter, a public performance report would be submitted to this Group.</p>	CPUM

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3.	Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09 – Quarter 4 Updates	<p>In regard to SOA performance reporting, Mrs B Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager advised that extra columns had been added to the report to address progress and impact. She further advised that although a lot of actions had been dealt with by this group and a lot of activity was ongoing and to deliver a target of 79% after the first year was a very good position for the group to be in.</p> <p>During discussion members of the group expressed concern about the lack of data in pages 17 onwards for 2007/08, which the Corporate Policy Unit Manager agreed to investigate. With regard to page 12 of the report referring to Keith regeneration the group noted that this project still had to go out for a bid. With regard to the terminology used on page 3, para 3.5 of the report it was noted that reference to the Elgin By-pass should be removed. With regard to page 12 about increasing the potential and number of diverse businesses the figure in green in the report should read 40.</p> <p>Members also requested that in future they receive this information electronically in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) approved the analysis of performance against the actions addressing the national and local outcomes over the first year of the SOA;</li> <li>(ii) noted the current performance against the indicators and that this position will be updated as information becomes available; and</li> <li>(iii) noted the recommendations for improvement in the monitoring of the new SOA (2009/10) based on lessons learned from the conduct of the process during the first year.</li> </ul>	CPUM

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3(a).	Cross Cutting Issues - Proposals to Address	<p>Mr R Anderson, Community Planning Officer advised the group that discussions had arisen on cross cutting issues at a one of the special meetings of the theme groups. He intimated that a summary of theme group meeting reports would be circulated to Community Planning Board partners to invite their input in advance of meetings to ensure that cross cutting issues were being fully addressed and also to seek agreement for the proposals from each theme group.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Group agreed to the implementation of proposals to ensure that crosscutting issues identified within the new SOA (2009/10) is effectively addressed.</p> <p>Councillor Wright left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.</p>	CPO
4.	Wealthier and Fairer Priority Action Plan (2009/10 )	<p>The Planning and Development Manager updated the group on the actions contained within the report, which had been updated to reflect progress against each priority over the past year and to identify the actions to be taken forward for 2009/10. It was further noted that an additional column had been added to the table linking the priorities with the SOA local outcomes for which this group has responsibility for. The aim being to assist the current process of compiling local delivery action plans for each of the local outcomes.</p> <p>Members expressed concern with regard to fairness and the Community Planning Officer advised that this issue would be addressed under the SOA and a further report would be submitted to this Group on progress. Concern was also expressed in regard to Elgin City of future.</p> <p>Thereafter, the group agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to approve the Wealthier and Fairer Priority Action Plan for 2009/10;and</li> <li>(ii) that Mr M Devenney, Moray College would submit a report to the next meeting of this group on Elgin, City for the future.</li> </ul>	P&DM

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5.	Economic Recovery Response Plan	<p>The group noted the update from Martin Johnson and Ian Fraser, HIE Moray with regard to the background to the economic response recovery plan as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Group agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(I) note the economic recovery response plan which has been put in place by HIE Moray to help local businesses address the worst effects of the economic recession; and</li> <li>(II) note that an updated report would be submitted to the Community Planning Officer.</li> </ul>	HIE
6.	Strategic Transport Projects Review: Meeting with the Minister for Transport	<p>Mr A Ritchie, the Head of Direct Services updated the group on the outcome of the recent meeting with the Minister for Transport. He referred the group to para 3.4 of the report, which identified the progress that had been reached. It was further noted that the Minister for Transport had requested a further meeting over the summer months and that dialogue would be on going. It was noted that a representative of Transport Scotland would be in attendance at the Transport Scotland STAG Awareness presentation at Committee on Tuesday 26 May 2009 on STAG.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Group agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) note the outcome of the meeting with the Minister for Transport concerning the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR);</li> <li>(ii) note that the Council's Transportation Manager, in conjunction with staff from Transport Scotland, will prepare an assessment of Elgin's traffic flows on the A96 in Elgin for a subsequent meeting with the Minister and will present a report of that meeting to this Group after that.</li> </ul>	H/DS

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7.	Moray Towns Partnership	<p>The Planning and Development Manager updated the group on the implementation of the Moray Towns Partnership 2009/10 aimed at the economic development of the towns of Buckie, Forres, Keith and Lossiemouth. He advised that funding had been agreed from the Economic Development budget and that match funding would be sought from Leader and the Scottish Government. He further advised that funding could be accessed through the town centre regeneration fund. It was also noted that town centres have to be defined and plans indicating town centre areas were circulated to the group. Bids for funding have to be submitted by June for the first round of funds and August for the second round and it was noted that officers would contact the Community Planning Partners to see what stage projects are at and he was confident that Moray would secure some funding.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Group agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) note the implementation of the Moray Towns Partnership action plan which is aimed at the economic development of the towns of Buckie, Keith, Forres and Lossiemouth; and</li> <li>(ii) note that a funding contribution of £100,000 was agreed from the 2009/10 Council Economic Development budget for the action plan which is costed at £200,000; and</li> <li>(iii) note that appropriate external funding applications will be submitted in order to match the Council's contribution.</li> </ul>	P&DM

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8.	Fairer Scotland Fund Proposals	<p>The Group noted the update from Mr J Ferguson, Community Planning &amp; Development Manager and Ms J Taylor, Fairer Scotland Manager with regard to the Fairer Scotland Fund.</p> <p>Jacqui Taylor suggested that the chair of the group took on the responsibility for looking over the proposals to see that they meet the criteria of the wealthier and fairer theme group before they are presented to the Social Inclusion Implementation Group. The group agreed to delegate this responsibility to Councillor Russell, in his capacity as chair of the group. However concern was expressed in terms of monitoring the fund as it had been envisaged that the Community Planning Board would undertake this role.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Group agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) delegate authority to the Chair of the Wealthier and Fairer group to oversee proposals;</li> <li>(ii) note the progress made in the development of the fund; and</li> <li>(iii) note the achievement of the Fairer Scotland Fund objectives.</li> </ul>	CPDM
9.	Community Planning Website	<p>The Community Planning Officer advised the group that the new site had been live for 4 months, however there was a need to update the site and identify contact people and partners involved. Thereafter, the aim would be to promote the website to ensure that information is being passed down the line to the relevant people.</p> <p>Thereafter, the group agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) participate in establishing a network of content providers to provide regularly updated information for the Community Planning website;</li> <li>(ii) note that guidance on the content management of the site will be provided by the Community Planning Officer;</li> <li>(iii) note that the website will be a standing item on all future Theme Group agendas; and</li> <li>(iv) actively promote the site as a key source of information about Community Planning in Moray.</li> </ul>	CPO
10.	Date of Next Meeting	The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Group would be held on Thursday 10 September 2009.	Clerk

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11	Items for Information - Action Sheet from the meeting of the Community Planning Board dated 7 May 2009	Noted	Clerk
	AOCB	The group noted that the Sederunt would be amended to include Gordon Holland as the HITRANS member of the Wealthier and Fairer Group and that Alan Bodman would replace Robin Key as the representative for the Federation of Small Business.	Clerk

Key:

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