

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 10 JUNE 2009

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANNING THREE-YEAR BUDGET

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to consider the outcome of the individual partner budget discussions and consider supporting the participatory budgeting proposals with the remaining funding.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Board to:

- (i) agree financial contributions by partners to the community planning budget for 2009-10;
- (ii) agree to apply to the national participatory budgeting-antisocial behaviour match fund to progress the community engagement proposals; and
- (iii) if agreed to the participatory budget proposal establish a project team with representatives from the organisations listed in para 4.9.

3. BUDGET

- 3.1 At the Community Planning Board meeting on 10 June 2009, it was agreed to defer agreement of whether the formula budget as proposed is agreed by two of the partners (NHS & HIE) whose contribution is increased through this formula.

- 3.2 The proposed changes to the budget contributions suggested were as follows

Moray Council = £21,000 (28.7%)
Grampian Police = £10,000 (13.9%)
Grampian Fire & Rescue Service = £12,000 (16.4%)
NHS Grampian = £15,000 (20.54 %)
Moray College = £5,000 (6.84%)
HIE = £10,000 (13.9%)

- 3.3 Andrew Fowlie has advised that following the meeting, he reviewed the request for NHS Grampian to fund 20% of the cost elements of community planning support. He agrees that a formula based approach has merit. However the challenge for NHS Grampian is that it does not receive income from this function and it has not made

provision for it in this year's budget. Therefore the level of fund input will remain as previously intimated at this time. In order to widen out the discussion for future years, he has raised this item at the NHS/ Council Executive meeting.

3.4 Martin Johnston has also reviewed the request for HIE to fund 13.9% of the costs elements. He states that HIE is committed to the Community Planning Partnership process, and considers itself a participative partner. Therefore, he outlined how HIE sees that it can be shown to make a financial contribution.

- (i) HIE's main role is in helping to grow the economy of Moray, so that the Moray economy in turn makes its contribution to the growth of the Scottish Economy. HIE primarily does this by engaging with those businesses of significant growth potential and in investing in business infrastructure, viz business parks.
- (ii) The activities of the Moray Citizens' Panel are intended to inform the Partners and the Partnership on the thoughts and perceptions of key sets of the Moray population. However, it is difficult to envisage that this would work for Moray's key businesses. Rather, he proposes that HIE takes leadership on the Moray Business Panel (current secretariat with The Moray Council), and supports the direct costs of engaging with the businesses of significant growth potential so that there is a way to deliver good quality information back to the Community Planning Partnership and Partners on key aspects of the Moray economy.
- (iii) This would be distinct from the activities of Business Gateway, and general data on the Moray economy, in other words, it would add further value in a way that the Citizens' Panel does for other aspects.
- (iv) He would envisage that this continues within the activities of the Wealthier and Fairer Strategic Group, and would expect (and find desirable) the continued participation of key elected members, officials, and others, such as the Moray Chamber of Commerce.
- (v) In relation to budget figures, he proposes the HIE budget contributions are:
 - Venue Hire and hospitality: £1k x 4 times per annum = £4 k
 - External assessment of key issues in economy: = £5k (envisage commissioning contractors to assess by interview the key issues for Moray's significant businesses to identify what these are and emerging trends - this report would be made available to the Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group and the Community Planning Partners)
- (vi) Therefore, he would envisage a ring-fenced budget held by HIE of some £9k p.a. directly in support of the activities of the Moray Community Planning Partnership, effectively duplicating the outputs of the Citizens' Panel in way that is fit for purpose for the Partnership.

- 3.5 Given the outcomes of the individual partners discussions, the budget contributions would continue as in 2008-9 as follows:

Moray Council = £21,000

Grampian Police = £10,000

Grampian Fire & Rescue Service = £12,000

NHS Grampian = £3,000

Moray College = £5,000

HIE = £0 to Board (£9,000 ring-fenced to Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group)

4.0 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

- 4.1 At the Community Planning Board meeting on 10 June 2009, it was also agreed to participate in the participatory budgeting proposal with the remaining budget to be used for the project with the understanding that if successful it will be matched funded through the Scottish Government's ASB pilot initiative.
- 4.2 Peter Jones, PPR & Communications Officer, Moray Council, attended a seminar organised by COSLA on 3 July for all participants interested in applying for the match funding pilot programme.
- 4.3 As stated at the previous meeting, there are two parts to the funding proposal. One part is the software development and the second is the youth diversionary initiatives to tackle anti social behaviour.
- 4.4 On 15 July, a meeting was held with the Public-i who will be responsible for developing the software. Arising from the meeting the software proposals below have been costed and will form part of the bid for match funding pilot programme.
- 4.5 There are 3 options available with increasing costs dependent on the software development which can be afforded to the project. The three options are basic, intermediate & advanced
- (i) Basic: incorporates Public-i Viewfinder with the DEMOS interaction budget slider (as demonstrated) & minimal graphic interaction. Initial cost would be £13,500. Annual cost thereafter would be £3,800.
 - (ii) Intermediate: consists of the same user interface as Basic with "equivalent to" scenario or "implications" - i.e. staff reductions or loss of services and "1 preference dimension". Initial cost would be £19,500. Annual cost thereafter would be £3,800.
 - (iii) Advanced: consists of same user interface as Intermediate with enhanced graphics (yet to be determined, but possibly a cockpit or dashboard with dials or meters to play with) and with "3 preference

dimensions". Initial cost would be £31,000. Annual cost thereafter would be £3,800.

- 4.6 As part of the software development of this project, the Partnership will need to define our criteria (by partnership & cost line) that will govern the "equivalent to" scenario or "implications".
- 4.7 In relation to the youth diversionary initiatives the project will enable the youth council to work with the community using the technology to identify overall priorities for their area. In addition the youth council will have a platform to work with community groups to identify diversionary projects for young people as part of the ASB pilot programme
- 4.8 If agreed to support this proposal, an application needs to be submitted to COSLA for the match funding bid in September with an anticipated decision shortly afterwards.
- 4.9 To progress the proposal it is suggested that a project team be established consisting of representatives from the following areas:
- Chief Executive's Office (Bridget Mustard, Peter Jones & John Ferguson)
 - Youth Council representative
 - Moray or Local Area Forum representative
 - Community Council representative
 - Community Development representative
- 4.10 The budget for this project is as follows:
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| CPP unallocated spend | 5,575 |
| Citizens Panel (removing 1 of 3 surveys) | 10,000 |
| ASB funds | <u>10,000</u> |
| Total Partnership contribution | 25,575 |
| Match Funding | <u>25,575</u> |
| Total | 51,150 |
- 4.11 It would be recommended at this stage to invest as much as possible in the software development to enable a usable product to be produced. This would involve committing to the "advanced" software development at £31,000 which leaves £20,000 for youth diversionary initiatives.
- 4.12 If successful this project will also be put forward to the COSLA excellence awards under category 7 "The one to watch" which seeks to recognise innovative project which as yet may not have evidence of results. These project may be at a very early stage, but must have been approved and be 'ready to go'. The main criterion for entry into this category is that project must have the potential to deliver substantial results by bringing new ideas or approaches to resolve recognised problems.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

Consultation with stakeholders is an important element of community planning. The participatory budgeting could offer opportunities to expand the involvement of the community into community planning to provide the mechanism to consult with a representative sample of the Moray population.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

Best Value legislation requires the Council to consult with its stakeholders. The Scottish Government is moving towards participatory budgeting for community planning partnership and has developed a pilot programme to assist 3-5 partnerships to develop the mechanisms to take this project forward.

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

Reflecting the existing and adjusted financial contribution from each partner over the next year, the budget breakdown is below.

(d) **Consultations**

Community Planning Partnership Budget - Consultations have taken place with the Andrew Fowlie & Martin Johnson and their comments are contained in the report.

Participatory Budgeting – The following people were consulted in relation to our proposals and are in agreement with them:

- Mike Callaghan, Community Resourcing Contact, COSLA
- John Ferguson, Community Planning & Development Manager, Moray Council
- Andy Jamieson, ASB Co-ordinator, Moray Council
- Peter Jones, PPR & Communications Officer, Moray Council
- David Eaton and Davy Jones, Public-i

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Given the outcome of NHS and HIE discussions, the current budget will remain with the previous contributions from partners. The overall agreement on the formula based budget remains to be concluded for future years.

5.2 Budget has been identified to enable the Partnership to submit a bid to the COSLA participatory budget ASB pilot fund. If successful the proposal will also be submitted for the COSLA excellence award.

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Background Papers:

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