

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD - 19 NOVEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING OPERATIONAL GROUPS

BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for this report is to provide the Community Planning Board with an updated list of the Community Planning Operational Groups.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Board :

- (i) Identify any required changes to the attached appendices;**
- (ii) Ensure there is no duplication in terms of operational groups; and**
- (iii) Consider resource implications for the Partnership for each operational group.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 There are a number of groups which sit below the Community Planning strategic groups, increasing the demands on partners to service the whole structure. At last count there were 38 partnership groups directly below the strategic level. It has been previously suggested that these groups are reviewed to ensure that they are in line with the priorities of the key actions.

3.2 At the meeting of the Community Planning Board on 27 August 2009, it was agreed that the Corporate Policy Unit Manager conduct a review of the number of groups which sit below the strategic groups in consultation with the relevant Theme Groups (Section 3 item (v) of the minute refers).

- 3.3 Discussions have taken place with the Officers of each strategic group to determine which operational groups sit below their own particular theme. The attached appendices detail the structure of each of the seven Community Planning Groups along with the remit and membership of each co-ordinating and operational groups. It should be noted that some themes have chosen to operate without a co-ordinating group (**Appendix**).

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**
The review of operational groups is being carried out to ensure that all groups are aligned to carrying out the actions of the Single Outcome Agreement.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
The Council must meet requirements of the Scottish Government to comply with the Concordat. The Community Planning Statutory Partners are required to sign up to the whole SOA and be held accountable for its delivery.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**
Partners have raised concerns at the resource implications to service the partnership groups.
- (d) **Consultations**
In writing this report, the Lead Officer of each of the seven Community Planning Groups was consulted.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 **It is recommended that the Community Planning Board :**
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 - (ii) **Ensure there is no duplication in terms of operational groups; and**
 - (iii) **Consider resource implications for the Partnership for each operational group**

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