

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 19th NOVEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT REVIEWS

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1** The Community Planning Board is presented with updated versions of the Community Planning theme strategic assessments: Safer and Stronger, Greener, Smarter, Healthier, and Wealthier and Fairer.
- 1.2** The Community Planning Board is advised that a full scale review of all 5 Community Planning theme strategic assessments is to be undertaken, to be completed by summer 2011 in order to inform the next Single Outcome Agreement.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** The Community Planning Board is asked to consider the updated Community Planning theme strategic assessments and highlight any areas which may impact on the current SOA priorities.
- 2.2** The Community Planning Board is asked to agree the proposed undertaking of a full review of the 5 strategic assessments and the resources involved from all partners to enable these strategic assessments to capture all relevant data to inform priorities.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The first strategic assessments for the five Community Planning themes were submitted to the relevant theme Strategic Group in 2008. Based on evidence gathered from many agencies Moray and Grampian wide, the strategic assessments provide a picture of the situation in Moray as it relates to each theme.
- 3.2** The strategic assessments provide an evidence base that supports strategic decision making in relation to managing risks, setting priorities and allocating resources. They can also assist in both setting and achieving Strategic Group outcomes and objectives.
- 3.3** During the update process strategic assessments were reviewed for any changes arising from the 2008/09 statistics. There were no significant trends identified from one year to the next. The updated strategic assessments are included in **Appendices 1 – 5**.
- 3.4** The full review of the strategic assessments will begin in January 2010, with Safer and Stronger, followed by Smarter, Greener, Wealthier and Fairer and

finally Healthier. It is estimated that each review will take between 3 and 4 months to complete.

- 3.5 The full review, although co-ordinated by Research and Information Officers will include input and consultation with the theme Strategic Group members, officers and partners regarding the content and other issues related to the theme.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

The fully reviewed strategic assessments will provide a strong evidence base from which to identify strategic priorities and inform the Single Outcome Agreement 2012-2015.

(b) Policy and Legal

Within the Scottish Government guidance, it requires that priorities for the SOA are evidence-based.

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

Carrying out a full review requires intensive effort over 3-4 months to ensure all evidence is gathered, analysis and accurate before making recommendations on identified trends.

The completion of the full reviews will be undertaken by existing staff members within the Chief Executive's Office. Support and expertise may be required from within other Council departments or partner agencies for data collection and interpretation of the data..

(d) Consultations

The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Officer has been consulted in relation to updating statistics contained in existing Strategic Assessments. In addition, the Corporate Policy Unit Manager has been consulted on timescale proposals in relation to the full review of Assessments. Departmental officers and partner agencies will be consulted on commencement of full reviews.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Strategic Assessments provide an evidence base that can be utilised to define future key priorities across Community Planning Partners. It is important to have both a quick update on the current SOA which is provided to enable the Board to consider any relevant changes to SOA priorities but also to plan to carry out deeper assessments into each theme in preparation of the full review of the SOA in 2011-12.**

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