



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 4 MARCH 2010**

**SUBJECT: STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT FULL REVIEW PROCESS**

**BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

**1.1 This report is to provide the Community Planning Board with an update on progress to date in the full review of all five Community Planning Theme Group Strategic Assessments.**

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to note the progress made to date in the full review of all five Community Planning Theme Group Strategic Assessments.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The first strategic assessments for the five Community Planning themes were submitted to the relevant Strategic Group in 2008. Based on evidence gathered from agencies across Moray and Grampian wide, the strategic assessments provided a picture of the situation in Moray for each theme.

3.2 During 2009/10 all five strategic assessments underwent a statistical update exercise and were submitted to the Community Planning Board on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009, where it was agreed that a full review of the strategic assessments would be undertaken over an 18 month period, commencing in January 2010 with Safer and Stronger.

3.3 A timeline for the Safer and Stronger Review was developed to ensure completion within expected timescales. Progress against this timeline is reviewed operationally on a weekly basis.

3.4 At the Community Planning Statutory Partners meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January, it was agreed that a quarterly update report on progress, priorities, trends, etc should be submitted to the Community Planning Board.

#### **4. UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

- 4.1 A full review of the Safer and Stronger theme commenced, as planned, in January 2010.
- 4.2 Discussions were held with representative officers of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group partners, the Theme Group Lead Officer, the Community Planning and Development Officer and the Chief Officer of MVSO with regards to: content, PESTELO issues (non-statistical factors) and demographic and social trends (long and short-term changes in the population).
- 4.3 Information gathered against each of the 3 areas discussed has been amalgamated to provide comprehensive drafts and these have been circulated to the aforementioned officers for confirmation of accuracy and completeness.
- 4.4 Data collection has commenced against a number of Safer and Stronger areas; Fire Safety, Home Safety, Road Safety, Violence.
- 4.5 Extensive information gathering has been undertaken in areas such as Social Inclusion, Community Engagement and Emergency Response, where perhaps statistical analysis is either not possible or not appropriate. This information will provide a picture of the current situation and provision in Moray.
- 4.6 At this early stage, progress is in accordance with the timeline but the focus has been primarily on data gathering, therefore no analysis has taken place and consequently there are no emerging trends or priorities to report. However it is anticipated that these should be becoming apparent and will be included in the next quarterly progress update report to this Group.

#### **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

- (a) **Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**  
The fully reviewed strategic assessment will provide a strong evidence base from which to identify strategic priorities for the Safer and Stronger theme 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)**  
The completion of the full review is being undertaken using existing resources. Support and expertise may be required from other Council services or partner agencies.

**(d) Consultations**

The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Officer has been consulted in the drafting of this report.

**6.0 CONCLUSION**

**6.1 The full review of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Assessment is on target for completion by the end of April 2010.**

Author of Report: Anna Jermyn, Research and Information Officer

Background Papers: Held by author

Ref:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: Corporate Policy Unit Manager  
The Moray Council

Name: Bridget Mustard