

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 27TH MAY 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 against the Strategic Assessments and the process to capture theme risks.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to note the progress made against the Safer and Stronger strategic assessment and that the Smarter strategic assessment began earlier this month.

2.2 The Community Planning Board is also asked to approve the use of the Community Planning risk matrix within the strategic assessment process to manage theme risks which will then be remitted to the Community Planning Statutory Partners to oversee.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the Community Planning Statutory Partners meeting on 19th January 2010, it was agreed that a quarterly update report on progress, priorities, trends, etc identified through the strategic assessment full review process should be submitted to the Community Planning Board.

3.2 At the Community Planning Board meeting on 4 March 2010, it was agreed that clarification of governance arrangements in regard to risk and how the theme group is linked into this be subject of a report to be brought back to this meeting of the Board.

4. UPDATE ON PROGRESS

4.1 The first strategic assessment to undergo the full review process, Safer & Stronger, has been completed. The overall outcomes will be reported to the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group meeting on 10th June 2010.

4.2 The first draft of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Assessment was issued to strategic partners and lead officers on 9th April 2010 for a two week consultation period, during which time partners provided feedback and any amendments or additions were incorporated.

4.3 Based on the recommendations made as a result of the analysis carried out in the strategic assessment, the Community Planning Partnership Risk Register, was completed for the identified risks and on 27th April, a risk analysis meeting

was held with strategic partners and lead officers to determine the risk level attached to each risk. The Community Planning Partnership Risk Matrix was used to facilitate this process.

- 4.4 Using the Community Planning risk matrix will be the process for capturing, rating and managing risks for the themes. This will be referred to the Community Planning Statutory Partners to oversee in line with the Community Planning Corporate Risk Register.
- 4.5 As a result of this meeting and the analysis in the strategic assessment, the following areas have been identified for inclusion in the Single Outcome Agreement.
 - Public Protection
 - Road Safety
 - Affordable Housing
 - High unemployment in 16-19yr olds
- 4.6 Road Safety, Affordable Housing and the high unemployment of 16-19yr olds are already included in the current Single Outcome Agreement, and it has been agreed that Public Protection will be added for 2010/11 and a Local Delivery Action Plan is currently being formulated for this priority.
- 4.7 A finalised version of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Assessment has been issued to strategic partners and lead officers.
- 4.8 A further statistical review of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Assessment will be undertaken prior to the formulation of the next Single Outcome Agreement 2012/2015, to ensure that the correct priorities are included.
- 4.9 The next strategic assessment to undergo a full review is Smarter and this has commenced on 10th May 2010. Relevant partners have been contacted to discuss the key issues.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

The fully reviewed strategic assessment provides 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 reviews 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. Relevant partners were involved in the Safer and Stronger strategic assessment. Partners will also be invited to participate in the Smarter assessment.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 The programme of strategic assessments is progressing according to the timetable with the Safer and Stronger assessment complete and the Smarter assessment beginning this month.

6.2 As part of the process, the Community Planning risk matrix is being used to capture, rate and manage theme based risks to enable the Community Planning Statutory Partners to oversee.

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