

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANING BOARD ON 27 MAY 2010

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY

BY: THE MORAY COUNCIL, COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 This report provides a progress report in relation to the implementation of the Social Inclusion Strategy under National Outcome 7 Local Outcome 3; Inequalities in Moray will be addressed.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Board is asked to note the progress made in the implementation of the Social Inclusion Strategy

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 At the last Community Planning Board held on 4 March 2010 it was noted that only 2 milestones from 5, of the key action, Implement Social Inclusion Strategy were completed, the three not completed were as follows;

- Social Inclusion Implementation Group to complete initial review of Social Inclusion Strategy and begin drafting new version. Draft Social Inclusion Action Plan (see 3.2)
- Devise range of Moray Poverty indicators and submit to Social Inclusion group for review feedback from this group and reconsultation with local authorities and experts if required (see 3.3)
- Finalise new version of Social Inclusion Strategy and distribute to Community Planning Partnership (see 3.4)

3.2 The Social Inclusion Implementation group completed, and are scheduled to agree, a reviewed Social Inclusion Strategy at their meeting on 17 May 2010. A number of key actions had to be agreed by partners and they are now complete.

3.3 There is a delay on the action to produce Rural Poverty indicators. The Scottish Government has commissioned work to establish a set of financial indicators to complement the national performance framework. Moray FSF staff are actively involved in the national effort to produce rural indicators. It has been agreed that a basic set of

indicators for Moray based on SIMD 2009 and component statistics will be available by July 2010

- 3.4 The final Social Inclusion Strategy will be distributed to the Partnership and placed in front of the next Board meeting.

4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) Outcome Agreement

To implement the Social Inclusion Strategy is a Key Action within the SOA under Local Outcome 3; Inequalities in Moray will be addressed and contributes to National Outcome 7 – We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Moray Council has a statutory duty under the Local Government in Scotland Bill 2003 part 2 section 16 (1) to initiate, maintain and facilitate the process of Community Planning. The introduction of a 'Duty of Community Planning' through the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 emphasises the importance of considering social inclusion in the Community Planning process.

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

The resources for the Social Inclusion Strategy are from existing budgets and the Fairer Scotland Fund.

5. **CONCLUSION**

The Community Planning Board is asked to note the progress made in the implementation of the Social Inclusion Strategy

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Background Papers:

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