

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF SPECIAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL CENTRE, MORAY COLLEGE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor Allan Wright (Chairman)	The Moray Council
Councillor Stewart Cree	The Moray Council
Mr David Oxley	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Mrs Megan Palmer-Abbs	Moray College
Superintendent Mark Cooper (Substituting for Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren)	Police Scotland
Mr Jim Hart (Substituting for Mr Don Vass)	tsiMoray
Roddy Burns, Chief Executive (ex-officio)	The Moray Council

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Fiona Murdoch (The Moray Council) and Mrs Anne Lindsay (Moray College).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors John Divers and Pearl Paul (The Moray Council), Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren (Police Scotland), Mr David Rout (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Mr Don Vass (tsiMoray), Mrs Christine Lester (NHS Grampian), Mr Anthony Standing (Skills Development Scotland) and Mr Alistair Merrill (ex-officio) (Scottish Government).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Mark Palmer, Corporate Director (Corporate Services), Mrs Bridget Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Mr John Ferguson, Community Planning & Development Manager, and Mr Darren Westmacott, Committee Services Officer (all The Moray Council) as Clerk to the meeting.

Also in attendance as an observer, Mr Mike Duff (Audit Scotland).

1. MORAY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Board joined the Chairman in commending Mr James Johnston and the Moray Economic Partnership on its recently well attended workshop "The Moray Economic Strategy, Terms of Reference, Key Performance Indicators - Being Effective for the Future".

2. HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PARTNERS (HITRANS)

The Chairman, acknowledging recent discussions regarding Highlands and Islands Strategic Transport Partners (HITRANS) and their place within community planning, moved that the Board formally adopt a representative of HITRANS to the Community Planning Board and that Councillor Fiona Murdoch be appointed as HITRANS representative with immediate effect. This was unanimously agreed by the Board.

3. MORAY COLLEGE

The Board joined the Chairman in thanking Moray College for hosting the meeting and for arranging a tour of the Graham Alexander Bell Centre.

4. DRAFT 10 YEAR PLAN

Under reference to paragraph 10 of the minute of this Board dated 31 October 2013, there was submitted a report by Mr Burns, Chief Executive (The Moray Council) requesting that the Board consider the draft 10 Year Plan for the future of Council services in Moray. A copy of the Plan was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Referring to the recommendations of the report, Mr Palmer, Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (The Moray Council) advised the Board that paragraph 2.1 (a) should refer to 4.2 and not 4.1, whilst paragraph 2.1 (b) should refer to 4.3 and not 4.2.

The Board joined the Chairman in commending Mr Palmer for the work done in composing the 10 Year Plan.

In response to a number of concerns, the Board acknowledged that the emphasis on economic development and related target charts required to be reviewed. The Board, in agreeing to review the emphasis on economic development and related target charts, agreed that the actions detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report and any additional actions agreed would be submitted to the next meeting of this Board for consideration.

Referring to the use of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), concerns were raised by the Board that it may not be the most appropriate economic indicator for local measure. In response, Mr Oxley (Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)) advised that he would consult the HIE economics team to clarify whether GDP is the most appropriate economic indicator for local measure, or whether there is an alternative available.

The Board, in response to a query regarding transport infrastructure, agreed that Councillor Murdoch (HITRANS) revise narrative on transport infrastructure, particularly in relation to economic development.

Noting concerns raised by the Board regarding age profiles, it was unanimously agreed to revise narrative on age profiles, particularly in relation to education, to ensure that these accurately reflect the current situation.

Referring to the format of the Plan, concerns were raised by the Board regarding the absence of an executive summary. Following consideration, it was agreed to create an executive summary.

Thereafter, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that actions detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report regarding completion of target charts for the Plan as follows:-

<u>Page</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Lead</u>
27	Complete target chart for number of modern apprenticeships	Jim Grant
28	Complete target chart for GDP measure for economic growth	Jim Grant
28	Complete target chart for progress duelling of A96 and A9	Stephen Cooper
28	Complete target chart for rail freight	Stephen Cooper
28	Complete target chart for number of voluntary organisations & social enterprises within the cultural sector supported by TSI Moray	Fabio Villani
30	Complete target chart for % of people aged 65+ with intensive care needs (10+hrs) receiving care at home	Jane Mackie
30	Complete target chart for % of people aged 65+ receiving personal care that are in permanent care	Jane Mackie
30	Complete target chart of % of people receiving care & support who report having more things to do	Jane Mackie
30	Complete target chart of number of referrals made to Moreinfo	Jane Mackie
30	Complete target chart of % adults who are obese	Jane Mackie
30	Complete target chart of % adults who smoke	Jane Mackie
30	Complete target chart of % of people receiving care & support who report feeling safe	Jane Mackie
33	Provide charts to show targets for crime reduction & prevention	Mark McLaren

- (ii) to note that the following additional actions would be submitted to the next meeting of this Board for consideration:-

- (a) revise emphasis on economic development and related target charts;
- (b) clarify whether GDP is the most appropriate economic indicator for local measure;
- (c) revise narrative on transport infrastructure, particularly in relation to economic development;

- (d) revise narrative on age profiles, particularly in relation to education; and
- (e) creation of an executive summary;
- (iii) amendments regarding inequalities, as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (iv) to retain the charts set out in Appendix H of the report and that reference be made to them in Section 2 of the Plan;
- (v) to amend the text on page 27 of the Plan regarding the process of planning applications, as detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report;
- (vi) that the final 10 Year Plan will be the focal point for all partners planning and resources in Moray;
- (vii) to reaffirm commitment to share budget information by preparing a consolidated 2014/15 budget for noting by the Board by 31 March 2014;
- (viii) to review and update the entire plan on an annual basis;
- (ix) to note that a report by the Community Engagement Group on arrangement for community engagement and consultation would be submitted to a future meeting of this Board; and
- (x) that the finalised Plan would be formally submitted to the Scottish Government as a replacement for the Single Outcome Agreement.

5. JOINT RESOURCING AND PREVENTATIVE WORKING: PRESENTATION TO THE CONVENTION OF HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (COHI) MARCH 2014

There was submitted a report by Mr Burns, Chief Executive (The Moray Council) inviting the Board to identify examples of joint resourcing and preventative working for presentation to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth at the Spring 2014 Convention.

The Chairman requested that partners provide their story into a note and submit these to Mr Burns for inclusion within the portfolio.

Referring to joint resourcing, the Chairman moved that Board members provide details on organisation resources (staff, assets and budgets) to the next meeting the Board for consolidating as way of demonstrating working towards joint working, priorities and budgets. This was unanimously agreed by the Board.

In response to a query from the Board, the Chairman requested that details on resources be primarily Moray-specific but also include wider resources available.

Thereafter, the Board agreed to:-

- (i) submit examples of joint resourcing and preventative working to Mr Burns, Chief Executive (The Moray Council); and
- (ii) provide details on organisation resources (staff, assets and budgets) to the next meeting the Board.

6. CONSULTATION COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL

There was submitted a report by Mr Burns, Chief Executive (The Moray Council) informing the Board that the Scottish Government have produced the final draft for consultation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill and inviting the Board to attend The Moray Council briefing on 10 January 2014 and submit a response to the consultation.

Councillor Murdoch (HITRANS) expressed concern regarding time and resources needed to submit a joint response in the timescales and moved that it be left to individual organisations to submit a response to the consultation. This was unanimously agreed by the Board.

Following consideration, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the draft Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill and the implications for Community Planning in Moray; and
- (ii) not to provide a joint response to the consultation.

7. WEBCASTING OF MEETINGS

The Chairman advised that the meeting of the Board on 31 October 2013 had been filmed by the Findhorn Foundation but expressed concerns regarding the process. He noted that a report on future meeting arrangements would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board for consideration.