



Your Moray - Your Environment

REPORT TO: GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP
SUBJECT: STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT
BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Greener Strategic Group is asked to note that Strategic Assessments will be submitted to each of the Strategic Theme Groups which will contain evidence-based information from the Single Outcome Agreement and priorities from the previous theme group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Greener Strategic Group is asked to agree to use the Strategic Assessment to assist the theme group to establish and monitor their priorities.**
- 2.2 **The Strategic Group is also asked to note that the Strategic Assessment for this theme group will be submitted to the next meeting.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The new concordat with the Scottish Government saw a change in how the Community Planning Partnership would be funded and consequently a shift towards new governance and accountability within the Partnership. Community Planning is now undertaking a new evidence based priority approach. The Community Planning Board and all theme groups will also adopt this approach.
- 3.2 The Council's Research and Information Officers (RIOs) in conjunction with partners' analysts are carrying out a Strategic Assessment. Based on evidence gathered from all agencies Moray and Grampian wide, it will be designed to support strategic decision making in relation to managing risks, setting priorities and allocating resources. It will aim to assist in not only setting but also achieving the outcomes and objectives of the Strategic Group, Community Planning Partners, The Moray Council and the Scottish Government. The document will detail the current picture in Moray highlighting any emerging pictures and trends.

- 3.3 Each Theme Group has been allocated responsibility for a number of relevant outcomes from the Single Outcome Agreement to be monitored to enable development of strategic action plans. The Community Planning Board at the meeting on 29 May 2008 will agree the outcomes remitted to the theme group. The proposed outcomes to be remitted to this theme group are:-

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- i) SOA 12 – We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations
- ii) SOA 14 – We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.

At this stage - SOA 15 – Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs - has been allocated to the overarching Community Planning group. This SOA cuts across all the others and has not obvious fit with any one Theme.

- 3.4 A first draft of this Strategic Assessment will be available for review by Theme Lead Officers, Partner Organisations and other stakeholders by Mid June.
- 3.5 Comments on the first draft should be returned to the RIO team by the end of the first week in July so that the final Strategic Assessment will be available for 18th September Strategic Group meeting. Any final developments within the SOA will also be undertaken during this process and reflected in the final Strategic Assessments.
- 3.6 Once the Strategic Assessments are agreed the aim of the Theme will be agreed and actions plans developed to support the aim.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The evidence provides the framework and monitoring structure for the Greener Theme. It also supports the Community Planning process for development and improvement. Additionally it enables Partner Plans to be linked into the outcomes for the community and their performance monitored as part of the community planning process

(b) Policy and Legal

Strategic Assessment will supports partnership working.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

The staffing implications of providing evidence based priorities and quarterly monitoring is being considered by the Community Planning Board at their meeting on 29 May 2008.

(d) Consultations

The previous Community Planning Steering Group agreed that the Partnership would use evidence based priorities in the future with quarterly monitoring to ensure that delivery against those priorities.

5. CONCLUSION

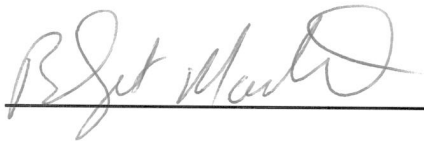
- 5.1 The Greener Theme Strategic Assessment is being undertaken to provide a framework to monitor its activities and performance and develop action plans for improvement. This report provides a status and programme for this activity.

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