



Your Moray - Your Environment

REPORT TO: GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

SUBJECT: GREENER STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2007/08

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the first Strategic Assessment for the Greener Theme, which will be used to develop Strategic Priorities for the partner organisations and to be included in the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Greener Strategic Group is asked to note the current Strategic Assessment which will be used to develop Strategic Priorities for the partner organisations and to be included in the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The new concordat with the Scottish Government saw a change in how the Community Safety Partnership would be funded and consequently a shift towards new governance and accountability within the Partnership. Community Planning is now undertaking a new business model approach. The Greener Strategic Group, covering the Greener Theme of Community Planning will also adopt this approach.
- 3.2 Our Research and Information Officer carried out a Strategic Assessment. Based on evidence gathered from all agencies Moray and Grampian wide, it was designed to support strategic decision making in relation to managing risks, setting priorities and allocating resources. It aims to assist in not only setting but also achieving the outcomes and objectives of the Strategic Group, The Moray Council Administration and the Scottish Government. The document details the current picture in Moray highlighting any emerging pictures and trends. **(Appendix 1 - Strategic Assessment)**
- 3.3 The Strategic Assessment is focused on two main areas:-
- i) Protecting and Enhancing the Environment
 - ii) Environmental Impact
- 3.4 The Strategic Assessment will form the basis of a wider consultation with the community to develop strategic priorities for action.

4 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The “Greener” theme group of the Community Planning Partnership covers a wide range of issues which includes Environmental Education, Community Engagement, Natural and Built Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Pollution, Transportation, Waste Management and Resource use.

The Corporate Development Plan of the Moray Council, Environmental Strategy for Moray, Scottish Natural Heritage in Moray, HIE Strategy all have actions which support some of the recommendations in the Strategic Assessment.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Moray Council has a statutory obligation to work with the Community in planning its future environmental responsibilities.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

This Greener Strategic assessment has no financial, staffing or risks associated with it directly. It will generate strategic priorities and actions which may have implications for any or all of these aspects and these will be stated along with actions and priorities as they are developed.

(d) Consultations

Lead officers and council officers have been consulted in the preparation of this report. A much broader consultation will need to take place before the Strategic Assessment and Strategic Priorities can be finalised.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Greener Strategic Group note the first stage of the preparation of a Strategic Assessment for the Greener Theme. This will be developed to provide the strategic priorities for all partners to adopt and be included in the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.**

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Background Papers:

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