



REPORT TO: GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

SUBJECT: ROLE OF THE GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP

BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Greener Strategic Group is asked to agree the key elements of the role of the Group and the process for setting up the Co-ordinating and Operational Groups within the Theme structure.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the first meeting of the Greener Strategic Group on 19 June 2008 it was agreed that the role of the Group would be to protect and enhance the environment and to deliver, in consultation with other Community Planning Theme Groups, national outcomes 12 and 14 of the Single Outcome Agreement.
- 3.2 The previous Community Planning Theme Group, the Environmental Forum, had a similar role. There are also a number of related strategies and plans currently in place, including the Environmental Strategy, Waste Strategy and Moray Development Plan, which contribute to the achievement of local outcomes under national outcomes 12 and 14. A Carbon Management Plan is also currently being drawn up.
- 3.3 The link between these strategies and plans and the key elements of the role of the Group is set out below:

- 3.3.1 SOA – to deliver and monitor the actions within the two SOA outcomes remitted to this Group.
- 3.3.2 Flood Alleviation – to monitor progress on the flood alleviation schemes for Elgin, Forres and Rothes
- 3.3.3 Climate Change – to address issues arising out of the Climate Change Declaration, which will be detailed in the Carbon Management Plan.
- 3.3.4 Protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment – to address issues around the maintenance, protection and development of the natural environment, as detailed in the Environmental Strategy, Waste Strategy and Moray Development Plan.
- 3.3.5 Waste Management – to address issues around waste reduction and recycling, as detailed in the Waste Strategy and Environmental Strategy.
- 3.3.6 Overall - to address the cross-cutting issues, shared priorities and actions to support the individual strategies, listed in 3.2.
- 3.3.7 General – to promote good practice within the areas covered by this theme.
- 3.3.8 General – to approach problem solving through thinking and working laterally.
- 3.4 The remits of the different groups within the Theme structure were noted at the meeting on 19 June 2008. In respect of the membership of the Co-ordinating Group, it is proposed that this comprises the previous members of the Environmental Forum and that additional members are invited to join the Group, should this prove beneficial, once the strategic priorities for the Greener theme have been agreed.
- 3.5 In respect of Operational Groups, it is proposed that this Group gives authority to the Co-ordinating Group to set up appropriate mechanisms to deliver the theme priorities.
- 3.6 Reporting mechanisms for this Strategic Group will be through the Community Planning Board and the respective partners' meetings. For the Council, this will be the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee.

Author of Report:

Background Papers:

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