



Your Moray - Your Environment

REPORT TO: GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP - 26 MARCH 2009

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES LIST

BY: HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the work ongoing within the partner organisations of the Greener Strategic Group and Community Planning Board to address Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Outcomes 12 and 14.
- 1.2 To use the environmental activities list and local priorities from the 2009/10 SOA to inform the future actions of the Greener Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Strategic Group agrees to the identified priorities and the setting up of operational groups to address key issues around energy efficiency, the development of a Moray wide renewables strategy, fuel poverty, awareness raising events and travel planning.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Greener Group on 18 September 2008 a list was tabled of environmental activities, in which the Greener Group partners were involved. It was agreed to use the information provided to assist in the identification of future priorities for the Group and inform the local outcomes within the new SOA (2009/10).
- 3.2 Since then further information has been provided by the partner organisations represented on the Community Planning Board and this has been incorporated into the table, which is set out in **Appendix 1**. The list provides a useful reference point and demonstrates that member organisations are involved in a significant body of work across a broad spectrum of issues.
- 3.3 There are clear themes that emerge from the activities list and the local priorities within the SOA, which may form the basis of the future work of the Greener Group. These include:
 - tackling fuel poverty
 - developing a Moray wide renewables strategy
 - promoting energy efficiency initiatives
 - promoting active travel and green travel plans
 - organising awareness raising events

- 3.4 In order to address these issues it is proposed to establish a number of operational groups with membership drawn from the Greener Group partners and other stakeholders, as appropriate. The table below sets out initial suggestions on the potential membership of these groups, together with issues to be addressed and how these link to SOA priorities. The proposed membership is not exhaustive.

Topic	Membership	Issues
Fuel poverty	The Moray Council SCARF Housing Associations REAP	Development of partnership working, development of local projects and joint aims to tackle fuel poverty Links : Elderly and Vulnerable, Housing, Homelessness, Young People
Renewables Strategy	The Moray Council HIE Forestry Commission	Development of a Moray wide renewables strategy to promote the “Green Economy” and pilot projects from partners Links: Economic Development
Travel Planning	The Moray Council Moray College NHS Grampian	Development of an Elgin wide travel plan Links: Elderly and Vulnerable, Health Improvement, Roads and Transport
Energy Efficiency	NHS Grampian Moray College The Moray Council	Share best practice of carbon management projects. Create package of energy efficiency targets and actions for partners to adopt.
Events and Awareness Raising	SEPA SNH The Moray Council	Development of a package of events including a business seminar and awards/environment open day. Links: Economic Development

4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement

The actions of the operational groups identified within the table will contribute to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement National Outcomes and Local Priorities.

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

There are no financial implications at this time and these will be reported separately to the Group.

(c) Consultations

The information contained within Appendix 1 has been provided by the Community Planning Board and Greener Group partners.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Operational groups focusing on a number of key topics have been identified in order to assist progress towards the achievement of the 2009/10 SOA local priorities.**

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