



REPORT TO: HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP ON 2 OCTOBER 2008

SUBJECT: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT – 2007/08

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 This report presents the first Strategic Assessment for the Healthier 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 Health & Social Care 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 Health & Social Care Strategic Group, covering the Healthier 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 six main areas:-

- i) Drugs & Alcohol
- ii) Health & Active Young People
- iii) Obesity
- iv) Mental Health
- v) Health Inequalities

vi) Shifting the Balance of Care

- 3.4 Ideally the Strategic Assessment would also cover Services for Older People and Domiciliary Care for which insufficient data is available to make a satisfactory assessment. In addition there are some aspects to the six main areas above which will require more information for completeness, e.g. Occupational Therapy, Respite Care Services and Learning Disabilities.
- 3.5 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 "Healthier" theme group of the Community Planning Partnership covers a wide range of issues which includes Drugs & Alcohol, Health & Active Young People, Obesity, Mental health, Health Inequalities, Shifting the Balance of Care.

(b) Policy and Legal

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

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

Although economic development will be from the private sector the Strategic Assessment also points out that there will need to be a number of incentives and support arrangements from the local authority to stimulate growth.

(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 Health & Social Care Strategic Group note the first stage of the preparation of a Strategic Assessment for the Healthier 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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