

REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 26 MARCH 2008

SUBJECT: SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for this report is to provide an update on the development of the Moray Single Outcome Agreement .

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council :-

- **Notes how the single outcome agreement is developing, and**
- **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Working Group to submit the latest draft of the Outcome Agreement to the Scottish Government on 31 March 2008.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Policy Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2008 considered a report on the development of the single outcome agreement. It was recognised that the agreement is a new way of working for local authorities and the Scottish government and that the timetable for production of a draft agreement by 31 March 2008 is extremely tight.

3.2 The Committee agreed to establish a short term working group (3+2+1) of members to meet once a week to consider progress.

3.3 In the agreement the Council and its partners are required to :-

- Describe Moray in the context of each of the 15 national outcomes
- Set local outcomes which we would wish to achieve in Moray which will contribute to the delivery of the national outcomes
- Identify performance indicators which will measure whether the proposed outcomes are being delivered, and
- Set targets and timescales for delivery of the outcomes.

3.4 To date, the contextual information has largely been completed and a draft has been provided to all members. The Working Group has had its first meeting and considered the local outcomes which we would wish to achieve in Moray. These are detailed in **APPENDIX 1**.

3.5 Community Planning partners are also contributing to the exercise and the inputs from HIEMoray , Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Moray College and the Health Service will be incorporated in the draft.

- 3.6 The next stage in the exercise is to identify relevant performance indicators against each of the outcomes and to set targets and timescales for achieving the outcomes.
- 3.7 The Working Group has agreed to meet in the afternoon of Full Council on 26 March 2008 to consider these aspects.
- 3.8 It is clear that the draft agreement will continue to be modified on a daily basis as community planning partners and their management teams meet to consider the draft.
- 3.9 The Scottish Government have acknowledged the time pressures and, while continuing to insist that agreements are submitted on 31 March, do not expect the agreement to be signed by the Council and its partners until June. This will follow a negotiation period between the Scottish Government and Moray representatives. At this stage it is not clear what that negotiation process will be and who will be involved.
- 3.10 In view of the time pressures and the issues involved in ensuring that the views of all community planning partners are represented within the agreement it is recommended that authority be delegated to myself in consultation with the Working group to submit the most up to date draft of the agreement to the Scottish Government on 31 March 2008.

4 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan

The single outcome agreement is one element of the Concordat that has been agreed between local authorities and the Scottish Government. It will direct all of the Council's plans.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council is obliged to submit a draft agreement to the Government on 31 March 2008.

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

It has been recognised that there are capacity issues for Councils, Community Planning partners and the Scottish Government in developing, submitting and agreeing outcome agreements so early in 2008. The government accepts that the agreement in the first year may require further refinement.

(d) Consultations

The Working Group is fully involved in developing the draft agreement.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Development of the agreement requires that the Council and its Community Planning Partners define in a very short timescale the major issues in Moray and measures which are planned which will contribute to the delivery of national outcomes. This is an extremely challenging process and the time available until 31 March 2008 will be fully utilised.

Author of Report:

Background Papers:

Ref:

APPENDIX 1

NATIONAL OUTCOMES AND LOCAL OUTCOMES FOR MORAY

- 1. We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe.**
 - The level of economic activity across Moray will increase
 - Moray will have excellent transport infrastructure with good transport connections to Aberdeen, Inverness and other markets
 - The number of businesses starting up, growing and surviving in Moray will increase.

- 2. We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.**
 - The numbers of young people employed in Moray who have access to career development opportunities will increase
 - We will make full potential of those not yet in the labour market

- 3. We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation.**
 - The number of work-based training opportunities within Moray will increase

- 4. Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.**
 - The quality of the educational learning experience in Moray schools will increase
 - Children and young people will be active members of the community

- 5. Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.**
 - Children will be cared for and supported to reduce the risk of exclusion
 - Children's early years development, learning and care experiences will improve
 - Needs will be recognised early and appropriate support provided

- 6. We live longer, healthier lives.**
 - The impact of the drink culture which affects our communities will reduce
 - The high rates of suicide and self harm will be tackled

- 7. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.**
 - Deprivation in Moray communities will be tackled
 - The number of incapacity benefit claimants will reduce

- 8. We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.**
 - Young people and families at risk will be supported to stay together
 - The life chances of looked after children will improve
 - Children will be protected from abuse and harm
 - Children of substance abusing parents will be identified and supported

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9. We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

- The number of people killed and injured as a result of road accidents will reduce
- The number of children and young people who offend will reduce
- People in Moray will feel safer and incidences of crime will reduce

10. We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.

- The volume and quality of housing throughout Moray will increase
- People assessed as homeless will be provided with appropriate accommodation
- Access to public services in Moray will improve

11. We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

- People in Moray will be able to influence decisions that affect their communities and lives and active participation within communities will be encouraged
- Young people will be supported within the community

12. We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.

- Communities in Moray will be safe from the threat of flooding
- The natural environment will be maintained, protected and developed for the benefit of the Moray community and to support tourism
- The development of a quality built and natural environment with amenities for young people will be facilitated
- The management of public assets will improve

13. We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity.

- The various cultures and communities that exist within Moray and which give the area a distinct and inclusive identity will be recognised and celebrated

14. We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.

- The amount of waste ending up in landfill will reduce
- Innovative ways of reducing the creation of waste will be actioned
- Energy usage / carbon emissions will reduce

15. Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

- There will be improved outcomes in external inspections of services
- Services will continually improve and be efficient
- Service delivery will be scrutinised on a regular basis in an open and transparent manner
- The Council's efficiency savings targets will be delivered