

REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 12 MAY 2010

SUBJECT: NOTHERN EAST SCOTLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (NESCPC) : MORAY CHILD PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To invite the Council to:-

- (a) note that the Council's Children & Young Peoples Services Child Protection Sub-Committee has fulfilled it's remit and disbanded;
- (b) endorse the establishment of a Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee which will operate as a sub-committee of the North East of Scotland Child Protection Committee (NESCPC);

1.2 To invite the Council to nominate 3 members to represent Moray Council on the newly established Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee.

1.3 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section (II) (10) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to Committee structures, distribution of functions and responsibilities and appointment to outside bodies.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council:-

- (i) note that the Moray Council Child Protection Sub-Committee has fulfilled its remit and disbanded; and
- (ii) endorse the establishment of the Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee of the North East of Scotland Child Protection Committee (NESCPC);

2.2 That the Council consider the recommendation of the Child Protection Sub-Committee, set out in Section 3.3 below, in regard to nominations to the Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee and, if so disposed appoint 3 Members to represent the Council on the Sub-Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Moray Council Child Protection Sub-Committee was established to question and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan stemming from

the HMIE Joint Inspection of Children's Services to protect children in the Moray Council area, which took place between June and September 2008, the Internal Auditor's report and the report being compiled by the Chief Constable.

- 3.2 At the last meeting of the Sub Committee on 16 April 2010 there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services advising the Sub-Committee of the membership, roles and responsibilities in revised structures for child protection in the North East of Scotland.
- 3.3 The Sub-Committee also noted that whilst Moray Council elected member representation on the new local Sub-Committee would be a matter for the Council to determine it would be appropriate for this Sub-Committee to make a recommendation thereon to the Council. In this regard it was agreed recommend to the Council that elected member representation comprises the Convener or Depute Convener, the SNP Group spokesperson on child protection and Councillor J Divers, given his experience in child protection issues.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

This report relates to National Outcome 8 of the SOA and local outcome 'child protection service in Moray will improve.'

(b) Policy and Legal

The NESPC has a formal governance role in the delivery of multi-agency child protection services and will work alongside a Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee in sharing the child protection committee responsibilities as set-out in Scottish Government guidance. These arrangements will be supported by a 'Memorandum of Understanding between Child Protection Agencies in the North East of Scotland' to which Moray Council would be a signatory.

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

None.

(d) Consultations

The Chief Executive, the Director of Community Services and the Chair of the Moray Council Child Protection Sub-Committee, Councillor Wright, have been consulted and comments received have been included in the preparation of this report.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 That the Council note that the Council's Children & Young Peoples Services Child Protection Sub-Committee has fulfilled it's remit and has now disbanded.**
- 6.2 That the Council endorse the establishment of the Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee which will operate as a sub-committee of the North East of Scotland Child Protection Committee (NESCPC).**
- 6.3 That the Council nominate 3 members to the represent Moray Council on the newly established Moray Child Protection Sub-Committee.**

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Background Papers: Minute of meeting of the Child Protection Sub-Committee dated 16 April 2010.
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