

REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL ON 7 JULY 2010

SUBJECT: SHARED RISK ASSESSMENT ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2010-13

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Full Council is asked to note that a presentation will be given by the Lead of Local Area Network (LAN), Richard Fowles on the Shared Risk Assessment Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) 2010-13 will be given at the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Full Council is asked to note the presentation from Richard Fowles, LAN Lead and to approve the associated Shared Risk Assessment Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) 2010-13 which outlines the scrutiny activity to be undertaken.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Richard Fowles, LAN Lead, gave a presentation to the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 December 2009 on the process the LAN will take on the development of the AIP. The final AIP is attached (**Appendix 1**).

3.2 The AIP sets out the planned scrutiny activity for the Moray Council for the period April 2010 to March 2013 based on their scrutiny risk assessment of the Council. The scrutiny activity is proportionate to the assessed scrutiny risks.

3.3 The AIP gives an overview of the information that informed the risk assessment and shows how this links to the proposed scrutiny response. The aim of the shared risk assessments is to focus scrutiny activity where it is most needed and to determine the most proportionate scrutiny response over the next three years.

3.4 The planned activity for the Moray Council is detailed in table within the AIP. In summary this includes:

Specific work:

- Year 1 – Education follow through inspection and education psychological services follow through inspection
- Year 1 – Best value work around political leadership
- Year 1 – Best value audit and inspection of Grampian Police and Grampian Joint Police Board
- Year 2 – Assessment of Council's customer focus approach
- Year 2 – Homelessness improvement plan

- Year 2 – Focused Best Value work to examine the progress made by the Council and its partners to measure outcomes and impact
- Year 2 – HMIE Joint Child Protection Inspection
- Year 3 – Focused Best Value work to assess Moray Performs

On-going work:

- The Care Commission and HMIE will continue to undertake ongoing inspection work at establishment level
- HMIE and SWIA will continue to monitor risk through the link inspector role
- Audit Scotland, as local external auditor, will continue to monitor finance, governance and accountability matters as part of the annual audit process
- Ongoing monitoring of the risks identified within this report by the appropriate scrutiny body will inform future risk assessments and the levels of scrutiny activity

National work:

- Year 1 – HMIE Joint Child Protection follow through inspection
- Year 1 – SHR – Monitoring information to be submitted on progress in meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standards
- Year 1 – SWIA – ISLA
- Year 1 – Care Commission – inspection of adoption and fostering services

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

The Council is committed to delivering better public services year on year through best value, and accepts the key principles of accountability, ownership, continuous improvement and transparency.

Elected Members and Senior Managers will ensure that best value contributes to the corporate priorities of the Council and confirming future direction of services.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council has a legal duty to deliver best value as part of its delivery is to address recommendations arising for any best value audit reports.

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

There are no financial requirements arising directly from the report. However inspections involve considerable amount of staff time and therefore its in our interest to minimise the number of scrutiny activities. Additionally there may be risks associated with not addressing the recommendations from national audit report.

(d) Consultations

The LAN Lead had discussed the recommendations for the audit with the Moray Performs Board.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Full Council is asked to note the presentation from Richard Fowles, LAN Lead and to approve the associated Shared Risk Assessment Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) 2010-13 which outlined the scrutiny activity to be undertaken.**

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