

REPORT TO: SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP – 19th
FEBRUARY 2009

SUBJECT: SAFER CO- ORDINATING GROUP

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group is invited to note the progress made by the Safer Co-ordinating Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group are asked to note the progress made by the Safer Co-ordinating Group in relation to its composition and the implementation of the Safer priorities through the four Operational Groups.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Safer Co-ordinating Group is situated within the structure of the Safer and Stronger Theme of Community Planning and is answerable to the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group.
- 3.2 The Safer Co-ordinating Group is a fairly new group, which replaced the Community Safety Steering Group. It has a Moray wide remit for the delivery of the Safer Strategy and the provision of Safer Communities through working in partnership. The chairs of the four Operational Groups have a position on the Safer Co-ordinating Group.
- 3.3 The Safer Co-ordinating Group has held its first meeting where it was decided to increase the membership of the Group to include representation from Environmental Health, Environmental Protection, Social Work, Housing, Moray Drug and Alcohol Team, Education and Grampian Police. This will enable the Group to tackle identified threats and trends and implement appropriate action.

- 3.4 The Intelligent Led Business Model will be used as the method of carrying out business, with a Tactical Assessment document being produced for each of the quarterly meetings. Tasks will then be generated from this document and allocated to the most appropriate agency or department for action. A named person will be assigned to each task with a time scale for completion.
- 3.5 The four main priorities within the Safer Strategy are Antisocial Behaviour, Violence Reduction, Fire and Home Safety and Road Safety and each priority has a separate Operational Group. An outcome agreement is in place for each Operational Group and these link into the Single Outcome Agreement. Outcome 9 – 'We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger'.
- 3.6 The Safer Co-ordinating Group is scheduled to meet again on the 25th February 2009
- 3.7 **Antisocial Behaviour Group**

An ASB Operational group meets locally once every 2 months in each of The Moray Council Housing Manager areas. In the last quarter there were 29 referrals for discussion at these meetings, of these 6 were referred to the Antisocial Behaviour Panel for consideration of a Antisocial Behaviour Order the remainder were resolved by local measures. Warning letters were issued to 4 individuals advising that they were being actively considered for an Antisocial Behaviour Order.

Consultation has taken place with the Sheriff to implement procedures, which allows him to consider applications for Criminal Antisocial Behaviour Orders. There are 3 such applications awaiting this process.

Community Wardens are continuing to be pro active in the tackling of Dog Fouling and Litter within their communities. They have linked with local schools, to encourage the young people to take a pride in their environment by getting involved with litter picks and patrolling . Examples of these initiatives are the Bin it 2 Win It and Adopt a Street Schemes.

An extensive Dog Fouling Campaign is about to take place in communities throughout Moray which involved the Wardens distributing posters and leaflets which identify the health and social issues around allowing dogs to foul in a public place. This will be followed up with a enforcement phase where, when appropriate, use will be made of fixed penalties. These groups are scheduled to meet again the week 13th April 2009.

3.8 Road Safety Group

A "Hot Strike" operation took place in Forres, which involved Grampian Police, Grampian Fire and Rescue and the Scottish Ambulance Service interacting with drivers aged between 17 and 25 by meeting with them in car parks and in their cars. A Road Safety message is delivered through direct conversation and the use of multi media systems. These operations take place in areas with identified problems with young drivers.

The delivery of Driving Ambition to all 6th year pupils continues to be a priority. This again is a multi agency initiative but also involving driving instructors. An input on Driving Ambition has been given to all secondary schools in Moray.

The Road Safety Group will meet again on the 25th February 2009.

3.9 Violence Reduction Group

A successful "Safer Streets" initiative occurred during the month of December. Taxi Marshalls were employed and additional police patrols being deployed on all Friday and Saturday nights, Christmas Eve and Hogmanay. This proved very popular with taxi operators, licensees and the public. A full evaluation to the initiative will be presented to the group at the next meeting.

The second phase of "Safer Streets" will occur in February when all third year pupils are invited to a disco in Joannas where in addition to having an enjoyable evening in an alcohol and smoke free environment, positive lifestyle messages are delivered.

The Group are also in the process of organising a Domestic Abuse Conference which takes place in the Eight Acres Hotel on the 19th March 2009. Invitations have been sent and it is expected to attract in excess on 150 delegates.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

Safer is a strand of the Safer & Stronger Theme of Community Planning.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 places a statutory obligation on The Moray Council to implement the range of

antisocial behaviour measures and continued joint working necessary to tackle such behaviour.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

The budget to deliver Safer Communities has been set and allocated with no additional funding required within this three-year period.

(d) Consultations

Consultations have taken place with Adrian Moar, Partnership Development Officer and all other relevant Community Planning partners who are in agreement with the composition of the group and the priorities.

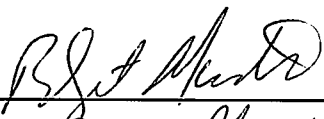
5. CONCLUSION

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