



REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP - 04 SEPTEMBER 2008

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for this report is to ask the Group to consider and approve a Partnership Agreement, which guides the operation of the Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Group considers and approves a Partnership Agreement, which guides the operation of the Group.

2.2 It is also recommended that the Group notes that similar Partnership Agreements will be created for each of the other Strategic Theme Groups and the Community Engagement Group and that each Agreement will be circulated to all Groups for reference purposes.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 On 7 August 2008 an updated version of the original Partnership Agreement was submitted for approval to the Community Planning Board.

3.2 Similar formal documents have now been created for each of the five Strategic Theme Groups and the Community Engagement Group to regulate the operation of each Group within the revised Community Planning structure.

3.3 The Partnership Agreement, relating to the Smarter Strategic Group, is attached under **Appendix 1**.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Partnership Agreement is an important document setting out how the partners will work together in a spirit of mutual trust to deliver the national and local outcomes, pertaining to the Group, within the Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) Policy and Legal

This particular Partnership Agreement is modelled on the original Partnership Agreement, approved by the Community Planning Steering Group in 2004, which was put together by the Council's Legal Section in conjunction with the partners. A revised version was submitted for approval to the Community Planning Board on 7 August 2008.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

The Agreement states how the Partnership will manage the financial, staffing and risk implications.

(d) Consultations

The Council's Legal Section has been consulted in the drawing up of this Agreement.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to approve the attached Partnership Agreement, which guides the operation of the Group.

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Background Papers: Partnership Agreement (Smarter Strategic Group)

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