



**REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP
- 04 SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUBJECT: LITTER DISPOSAL

**BY: MORAY COUNCIL, HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to ask the Group to consider a referral from the Greener Strategic Group about the need for greater education on the safe and efficient disposal of litter across Moray.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Group considers a referral from the Greener Strategic Group about the need for greater education on the safe and efficient disposal of litter across Moray.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 19 June 2008 the Greener Strategic Group considered the priorities it should be addressing.
- 3.2 As part of the discussion about caring for and promoting Moray's quality natural environment, the Group felt that more should be done about the problem of litter, which was continuing to have a detrimental impact on the environment and on efforts to promote the natural beauty of the area to visitors. In particular, the Group felt that more could be done to educate local people about the problem and promote ways of alleviating it.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the concern of the Group about this issue would be referred to the Smarter Strategic Group and that the Smarter Group consider possible options to address it.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

One of the local outcomes under National Outcome 12 is 'The natural environment will be maintained, protected and developed for the benefit of the Moray community and to support tourism to increase'. An associated target is to maintain Moray's high ranking in the Scottish-wide 'Cleanliness Index', following its annual inspection.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council has a statutory performance indicator measuring the cleanliness of streets under the 'local environment audit and management system' (LEAMS).

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

There are no such implications arising directly from this report.

(d) Consultations

The Greener Strategic Group has already discussed the matter and asked for it to be remitted to the Smarter Strategic Group.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Group is asked to consider a referral from the Greener Strategic Group about the need for greater education on the safe and efficient disposal of litter across Moray.

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Background Papers:

Ref: