



**REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP
– 27 NOVEMBER 2008**

**SUBJECT: PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING CROSS-CUTTING
ISSUES**

**BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT
MANAGER**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Smarter Strategic Group is invited to note the agreed Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Smarter Strategic Group notes the Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Single Outcome Agreement includes 15 national outcomes and associated local outcomes to be addressed by the Community Planning Partnership. Responsibility for meeting each of the national outcomes has been split between the relevant Strategic Theme Groups, with the exception of Outcome 15, which is the responsibility of the Community Planning Board.

3.2 It is recognised by the Partnership that in order to achieve each of the outcomes of the SOA there are a significant number of cross-cutting issues and actions, which need to be effectively addressed across a number of the themes.

3.3 During the first two cycles of meetings of the new Strategic Theme Groups, a number of cross-cutting issues, both strategic and operational, have been raised. Due to the absence of any clear guidance on the matter, these issues have been addressed on an ad hoc basis. However, in order to ensure that all

cross-cutting issues are addressed effectively in future it was felt that it would be useful to establish a Protocol, setting out how this should be done.

- 3.4 The Protocol, which sets out how both strategic and operational cross-cutting issues should be addressed, was approved by the Community Planning Board at its meeting on 30 October 2008. A copy of the Protocol is attached as **Appendix 1**.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**
Given that the majority of issues, which are highlighted within the Single Outcome Agreement, Community Plan and Theme Plans, relate to more than one theme, it is important that clear and effective processes are put in place to address such cross-cutting issues.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
The Community Planning Partnership has an obligation to meet the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement and to address effectively cross-cutting issues within it.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)**
There are no such implications arising directly from this report.
- (d) **Consultations**
The Lead Officers of the Wealthier and Fairer, Safer and Stronger, Healthier and Greener Strategic Theme Groups and the Council's Principal Committee Services Officer were all consulted in drawing up the agreed Protocol.

The Community Planning Board considered and approved the Protocol at their meeting on 30 October 2008.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 **The Smarter Strategic Group is invited to note the agreed Protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.**

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Background Papers: Protocol for Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues

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