



REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP - 04 JUNE 2009

SUBJECT: SMARTER COORDINATING GROUP

BY: MORAY COUNCIL, ACTING HEAD OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to invite the Smarter Strategic Group to receive an update on the work of the Smarter Coordinating Group over the past quarter.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Smarter Strategic Group notes an update on the work of the Smarter Coordinating Group over the past quarter.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Smarter Strategic Group on 27 November 2008 the remit and membership of the Smarter Coordinating Group was agreed.
- 3.2 The Group has been meeting on a regular basis since then to progress actions to address SOA national and local outcomes, for which the Smarter Strategic Group has been assigned responsibility.
- 3.3 At its latest meeting on 07 May 2009 the Smarter Coordinating Group discussed the following matters.

3.3.1 Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

GIRFEC is a Scottish Government programme promoting partnership working between professionals and families. It was agreed that the revised remit of the Group was acceptable but required more detail to be added. It was also agreed that the membership of the Group should reflect integrated services and include members who could define strategic direction.

Approval was given to train trainers in each area but further work was agreed to define a training strategy to progress inter-agency working.

3.3.2 Integrated Children's Service Plan

The Locality Management Group Action Plans produced to address local priorities coming out of the Integrated Children's Service Plan were approved by the Coordinating Group and Local Integration Support Officers thanked for their work in putting these together.

3.3.3 Commissioned Groups

The proposed list of Commissioned Groups was agreed at the meeting of the Smarter Strategic Group on 12 March 2009, as follows:

- Lifelong Learning Forum
- Community Learning & Development Strategy Group
- Adult Literacy Partnership
- Moray Chief Officers Group for Child Protection
- Early Years Strategy
- Corporate Parenting
- Transitions
- Health & Wellbeing

The Coordinating Group agreed to contact each of these Groups to define their role more clearly and establish how they relate to other Theme Groups with a report being brought back to the next meeting of the Group on 18 June 2009.

3.3.4 Fairer Scotland Fund

It was noted that there had been one successful application for funding from the Smarter Group in the first round. This was to fund a GIRFEC Development Officer for a period of nine months until March 2010. The Coordinating Group agreed to make representation to have this period extended, given the agreed remit of the Group.

3.3.5 Corporate Parenting Event

There is a more detailed report under agenda item 5.

3.3.6 Child Protection

There is a more detailed report under agenda item 4.

3.3.7 Adult Literacy Partnership

The Group noted that the Partnership had received Challenge Funding money to run an Offenders' Literacy Programme.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Smarter Coordinating Group sits under the Smarter Strategic Group and is responsible for overseeing the implementation of actions under the national and local outcomes for which the Strategic Group has been assigned responsibility.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no such implications arising directly from this report.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

There are no such implications arising directly from this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Smarter Coordinating Group continues to meet approximately every six weeks to support the work of the Smarter Strategic Group. The Strategic Group is invited to note the latest update of progress following the meeting of the Coordinating Group on 07 May 2009.**

Author of Report:

Background Papers:

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