

**REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP – 24 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL GROUPS**

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

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The Community Planning Board has instructed all Strategic Theme Groups to review their operational groups to ensure they reflect the local delivery action plan priorities and have appropriate representation.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Smarter Strategic Group is asked to :**

- (i) Review membership of the operational groups;**
- (ii) List the remit of each operational group; and**
- (iii) Report back to the Community Planning Board on 19 November 2009 on progress.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Following a report on the Local Delivery Action Plans to the Community Planning Board on 27 August 2009 the Board instructed all strategic theme groups to review their operational groups as there are a number of groups which sit below the strategic groups increasing the demands on partners to service the whole structure.

3.2 The membership of the strategic theme groups has been reviewed during the development of the local delivery action plans against the local outcomes to align with the priorities. In addition the review has also been aware of resource implications for partners. The Community Planning Board is now instructing the theme groups to carry out the same review on all of the operational groups.

3.2 At last count there were 38 partnership groups directly below the strategic level and more suggested to be established within the local delivery action plans. It has been previously suggested that these groups are reviewed to ensure that they are in line with the priorities of the key actions.

3.3 A few months ago, some work was undertaken by the Community Planning Officer and Lead Officers to identify the groups. Attached is the current version of the organogram developed from those meetings.

3.4 The group is asked to review operational groups for Smarter Theme and amend as appropriate bearing in mind that operational groups need to link to the local delivery action plan priorities.

- 3.5 The group is also asked to review membership to ensure their representatives are appropriate to address the group's remit while keeping in mind resource pressures for Partners across the Partnership.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

##### **(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**

The strategic groups assist the Community Planning Partnership to deliver the commitments within the SOA. The SOA priorities and membership must be aligned to ensure that the right people are attending the appropriate groups. However the membership on the groups must also be sustainable by ensuring that partners have available resources to support the groups.

##### **(b) Policy and Legal**

The Council must meet requirements of the Scottish Government to comply with the Concordat. The Community Planning Statutory Partners are required to sign up to the whole SOA and be held accountable for its delivery.

##### **(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

Partners have raised concerns at the resource implications to service the partnership groups.

##### **(d) Consultations**

Members of the Community Planning Board were consulted at their meeting on 27 August 2009.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 There is a need to ensure that groups at all levels are addressing the Community Planning priorities identified within the Local Delivery Action Plans and reflect the ability of partners to resource the groups. Therefore the theme groups are instructed to review all operational groups associated with their theme.**

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