



Your Moray - Your Future

REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF ASSOCIATED GROUPS

BY: HEAD OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Smarter Strategic Group of actions taken to date to review the remit, composition and relevance of groups associated with the Smarter Theme and how these relate to Local Actions Plans arising from the implementation of the Single Outcome Agreement.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Smarter Strategic Group:-**
(i) notes the progress made in reviewing the associated groups; and
(ii) agrees the next steps to be undertaken by the Smarter Co-ordinating Group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A number of groups associated with the Smarter Strategic Group currently exist with some relating back to the Children & Young People's Partnership. The Smarter Co-ordinating Group on 26 March 2009 commenced a review of the remit, composition and relevance of these groups to Local Action Plans associated with the Smarter Strategic Group.
- 3.2 This exercise has been undertaken and in **Table 1** these groups are identified and in **Table 2** the Local Action Plans related to the Smarter Theme Group are listed.

Table 1 – Current Associated Groups

Name of Group	Remit
16+ Learning Choices	Take forward 16+ agenda in Moray so that, by December 2010, all school leavers have the offer of an appropriate further learning opportunity.
Adult Literacy Partnership	To develop an Adult Literacy Strategy and Action Plan for Moray.
Chief Officers Group for Child Protection	To provide direction across agencies for local child protection services to ensure they focus priorities and provide strategic direction.
Community Learning & Development Group	To develop a Community Learning and Development Strategy for Moray and monitor the implementation of that strategy.
Corporate Parenting Group	To develop Moray Council's Strategy as it relates to Corporate

	Parenting.
Early Years Strategy Group	To develop Moray's services in relation to the government's Early Years Strategy.
Employability action Group (formerly More Choices: More Chances)	Ensure implementation of Employability (MCMC) Action Plan. Review edit and update the Employability (MCMC) Action Plan on a quarterly basis. Develop and Agree Employability Strategy. Develop additional flexible interventions for young people from the target group in line with 16+ and Fairer Scotland Fund. Increase volunteering opportunities for young people. Implement multi agency training courses (one per quarter) as identified through the MCMC skill survey.
Getting it Right for Every Child	To develop one consistent framework for multi agency assessment and planning for children and young people across all services in Moray, in line with the national Getting it Right for Every Child programme.
Health & Wellbeing in School Groups	Steering group for Moray as demonstration site for Scottish Government. Health & Wellbeing in Schools Project.
Lifelong Learning Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a coherent lifelong learning framework for Moray that seeks to bring about greater levels of access, inclusion and attainment. • To bring about a change in attitudes towards learning that will lead to more members of our community wishing to participate in learning activities. • To pursue opportunities for more complementarily in what is provided, thus avoiding unnecessary or unplanned competition. • To Identify, share and encourage good practice in learning amongst the agencies involved in lifelong learning. • To seek to attract new resources in furtherance of the Forum's activities.
Local Integration Support Officer Group	To provide and organise integrated support to young persons in the local community.
Parenting Steering Group	To support the positive parenting of children in Moray through access to parenting support.
School-College Strategy Group	The Strategy Group oversees the development of the curriculum offered by Moray College to schoolchildren in Moray's secondary schools. The Group also concerns itself with transition issues between school and college.
Youth Justice Strategy Group	To provide direction to the Youth Justice Strategy in building community confidence through reducing the incidence of youth crime particularly the risk posed by more serious offenders.

Table 2 – Local Action Plans

Local Action	National Outcome	Local Outcome
Development and Implementation of a Moray Lifelong Learning Strategy	We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation (NO3).	The community will develop and improve their learning and qualifications (LO6).
Implement 16+ Learning Choices Action Plan	We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation (NO3).	More young people will remain in learning post-16 (LO7).
Attainment	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens (NO4).	More young people will succeed in school (LO8).

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More Choices, More Chances	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens (NO4).	More young people will develop to be successful adults (LO9).
Parenting Strategy	Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed (NO5).	More young children in Moray will thrive (LO10).
Early Years Framework	Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed (NO5).	More young children in Moray will thrive (LO10).
Getting it Right for Every Child	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk (NO8).	Life chances for children, young people and families at risk in Moray will improve (LO15).
Corporate Parenting Strategy	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk (NO8).	Life chances for children, young people and families at risk in Moray will improve (LO15).
Youth Justice Strategy Group	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk (NO8).	Life chances for children, young people and families at risk in Moray will improve (LO15).
Multiagency Action Plan	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk (NO8).	Child protection services in Moray will improve (LO16).
Domestic Abuse	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk (NO8).	Child protection services in Moray will improve (LO16).

3.3 At the meeting of the Smarter Co-ordinating Group on 27 August 2009 it was agreed that a small group of officers would cross-reference the two lists to assess their relationship, overlaps, duplication, gaps, etc. and report back to the Co-ordination Group at its next meeting on 8 October 2009.

3.4 It is anticipated that a report on the recommendations of this exercise will be reported to the Strategic Group at its next meeting.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The review is designed to increase the effectiveness of the Smarter Strategic Group's role in delivery on the Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy and legal issues associated with this report.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

There are none directly related to this report.

(d) Consultations

The preparation of the review has involved personnel from a wide variety of agencies.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 A review is underway as to the remit and relevance of groups associated with the Smarter Theme Group in relation to SOA Local Action Plans.

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