



## Your Moray - Your Safety

**REPORT TO: SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP – 5 JUNE 2008**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES 2008-11**

**BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

### **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The Safer and Stronger Strategic Group is asked to agree the strategic priorities identified for Safer part of the theme for the period of 2008-11.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Safer and Stronger Strategic Group are asked to note the four main evidence based priorities that have been identified so far from the Community Safety Strategic Assessment completed in March 2008.**

2.2 **As this theme group is covering Stronger as well as Safer priorities, the Strategic Group are asked to note that an expanded Strategic Assessment will be submitted to the next meeting.**

### **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The new concordat with the Scottish Government saw a change in how the Community Safety Partnership would be funded and consequently a shift towards new governance and accountability within the Partnership. Community Planning is now undertaking a new business model approach. Community Safety, being the Safer and Stronger theme of Community Planning will also adopt this approach.

3.2 Our Research and Information Officer carried out a Strategic Assessment. Based on evidence gathered from all agencies Moray and Grampian wide, it was designed to support strategic decision making in relation to managing risks, setting priorities and allocating resources. It aims to assist in not only setting but also achieving the

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outcomes and objectives of the Strategic Group, Community Planning Partners, The Moray Council and the Scottish Government. The document details the current picture in Moray highlighting any emerging pictures and trends. The recommendations were presented and considered at the strategic events. A copy of the Strategic Assessment is attached. **(Appendix)**

- 3.3 As a result of analysis of the Strategic Assessment and the extensive consultation at the two strategic events it was suggested the overall aim for Community Safety was 'Making Moray A Safer Place to Be'.
- 3.4 The following were also identified as the four main evidence based strategic priorities for Community Safety:
- Road Safety – Promoting Safer Roads
  - Antisocial Behaviour – Promoting Positive Behaviour
  - Fire and Home Safety – Promoting Safer Homes
  - Violence Reduction – Promoting Violence Reduction
- 3.6 In addition it was decided a Communications Plan would be produced through a short term Sub Group. Due to the wide, cross cutting nature of Youth Crime and Substance Misuse these will require to be tackled jointly along with other themes to ensure they are addressed appropriately. Therefore in relation to Youth Crime the Smarter theme would also have responsibilities and in relation to substance misuse, and the importance of Moray DAAT's role (Drug and Alcohol Team) the Healthier theme would have responsibilities.
- 3.7 The Single Outcome Agreement between the local authority and the Scottish Government has also been considered in the identification of these four main priorities. National Outcome 9 – We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger details the local context in relation to Road Safety, Youth Offending, Antisocial Behaviour, Crimes and Fire and Home Accidents. We have committed to delivering a range of relevant National, Local and Moray Indicators under all of these categories. These areas were reflected in the Strategic Assessment as areas to be considered due to an increase or emerging trend:
- Road Safety – e.g. numbers of young and/or male drivers involved in collisions, number of drink/drug drivers, number killed or seriously injured (refer Appendix 1 - Road Safety summary, Strategic Assessment)

- Antisocial Behaviour – e.g. neighbour disputes, graffiti, vandalism, dog fouling, fly-tipping (refer Appendix 1 - Antisocial Behaviour summary, Strategic Assessment)
- Fire & Home Safety – e.g. number of accidental dwelling fires, number of home fires resulting in death and injury and number of falls (refer Appendix 1 - Fire Safety and Home Safety summaries, Strategic Assessment)
- Violence Reduction - e.g. domestic abuse, racially aggravated crime, alcohol fuelled violence (refer Appendix 1 - Violent Crime summary, Strategic Assessment)

**3.8** The Safer & Stronger theme will be responsible for two outcomes as allocated by The Scottish Government. The Strategic Assessment at present covers the Safer aspect of the Safer and Stronger theme. This is currently being expanded to cover the Stronger aspect which corresponds with the Single Outcome Agreement under National Outcome 11 - We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others. The comprehensive assessment will include recommendations and assist in identifying priorities for the Stronger aspect therefore allowing evidence based priorities to be set for the Safer & Stronger theme in its entirety.

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

##### **(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**

The “Safer and Stronger” theme group of the Community Planning Partnership covers a wide range of issues which includes Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour.

The Corporate Development Plan of The Moray Council, Force Control Strategy of Grampian Police, Vision and Values of Grampian Fire and Rescue Service and Joint Health Improvement Plan of Moray Community Health and Social Partnership all cover one or more of the priorities identified.

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

The Moray Council has a statutory obligation under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 to investigate and evaluate all incidents of antisocial behaviour that is reported to the authority.

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

The end of ring fenced funding would require the Strategic Group to secure an adequate budget to ensure they can effectively tackle these evidence-based priorities. A detailed report on the budget is contained in a report on this agenda.

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

Community Safety Partners and some Elected Members participated in two strategic events, which involved planning and consultation

exercises centring on the Strategic Assessment and the evidence based Single Outcome Agreement, as agreed by the Community Planning Steering Group. This resulted in the identification of evidence based strategic priorities.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Safer and Stronger Strategic Group carried out previous background work to produce a Strategic Assessment to improve the priorities of the theme group. At the time though these priorities were only focused on community safety and did not take into account the wider remit of the Strategic Group for safer and stronger. Therefore an expanded Strategic Assessment, which will include the stronger aspect, will be submitted to the next meeting.**

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**Background Papers: Strategic Assessment**

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