



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

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group is invited to review the Moray Community Safety Partnership's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Assessment Report in order that they are aware of the previous performance of the Partnership against identified targets and outcomes.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group is invited to review the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Assessment Report in order to inform of the performance of the partnership against 2007/08 targets and outcomes.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 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. This a structured, evidence lead method of identifying and dealing with priorities. The Quarterly Assessment Report, compiled by the Research and Information Officer, contributes in a major way to this process. It identified areas for action by the Partnership. The attached Quarterly Assessment Report is the last of four reports for the Community Safety period of 2007/08. **(Appendix 1)**
- 3.2 As well as a performance management tool the Quarterly Assessment identifies areas which may require action by one or more of the partners. Tasks are generated from the meeting and allocated to named people who are then asked to report back to the partnership within a specified time scale.

- 3.2 The sections in the Assessment Report correspond with Community Safety targets and outcomes from the Antisocial Behaviour Outcome Agreement.
- 3.3 The data recorded by the Research and Information Officer has been gathered since April 2006, this allows the officer to make informed decisions in relation to actions and trends. The graphs for the majority of sections show a downward trend in relation to Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour in Moray.
- 3.4 The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Assessment includes an Executive Summary of Performance which highlights the main findings for the quarter. **(Appendix 1, Quarter 4 Assessment Report, Section 2 Executive Summary of Performance)**. It states;

Reduce Accidents in Moray - This covered three measures from the Community Safety Action Plan; accidental dwelling fires, drivers reported for drink/drug driving offences and collisions where alcohol/drugs is a factor. This shows an overall downward trend over the last 2 years. In total in 2007/08, there were 81 fewer accidents recorded for the Community Safety Partnership than in 2006/07, a reduction of 29%.

Reduce crime and the fear of crime – This covered 1 measure from the Community Safety Action Plan and 11 measures from the Antisocial Behaviour Outcome Agreement including underage drinking, wilful fires, rowdy behaviour, graffiti, vandalism, vandalism in schools, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, drinking in public places and drug supply charges. The total number of crimes recorded for the Community Safety Partnership was 23% lower in this quarter 4 than in quarter 4 06/07, and 4% lower than quarter 3 of 07/08. There is an overall downward trend over the last 2 years, reflecting a downward trend in 9 of the 12 measures mentioned above. In total in 2007/08, there were 937 fewer crimes recorded for the Community Safety Partnership than in 2006/07, a drop of 16%.

Tackle antisocial behaviour – This covered 15 measures from the ASB Outcome agreement including wilful fires, noise complaints, rowdy behaviour, neighbourhood disputes, tenancy breaches, graffiti, vandalism, vandalism in schools, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, drinking in public places, drug supply charges and recovered needles. The total number of incidents recorded for the Community Safety Partnership to measure antisocial behaviour is 20% lower in quarter 4, 07/08 than in quarter 4, 06/07, and has fallen by 2% from quarter 3, 07/08. There is an overall downward trend in the number of incidents recorded over the last 2 years, reflecting a downward trend in 11 of the 15 indicators over the same period. In total in 2007/08, there were 1018 fewer incidents of antisocial behaviour recorded for the Community Safety Partnership than in 2006/07, a drop of 14%.

Tackle substance misuse – This covered 4 measures within the Community Safety Action Plan including underage drinking, under 16s referred to drug and alcohol services, young people attending A&E where substance misuse was a factor and emergency admission due to substance misuse. The first and last measure both show a downward trend. Obtaining data for the other two measures proved problematic. The total number of incidents over the period from quarter 4 06/07 to quarter 3 07/08, for which there are values for 3 of the 4 indicators, shows a reducing trend.

- 3.5 The Quarterly Assessment Reports have a vital role in the business of Community Safety as the information it contains informs the Strategic Assessment. All Community Planning partners supply information to ensure accuracy within the document. The Community Safety Research and Information Officer then analyses the information to highlight emerging trends and monitor performance. Both these documents enable the strategic group to set the agenda and direction for future priorities of Community Safety.
- 3.6 The Quarterly Assessment Reports form the agenda for the Co-ordinating Group meetings. The information contained within the reports will be used to allocate actions to tackle identified problems across all agencies.

#### **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, all of which are contained within the Assessment Report. All future Assessment Reports will be amended to reflect the priorities identified from the Strategic Assessment.

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

The Moray Council has a statutory obligation up until April 2008 to report to the Scottish Government on the performance of Community Safety. The Assessment Reports assisted in compiling this report.

Future Assessment Reports will continue to provide information on Governance and Accountability

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

The Assessment Reports may identify areas where additional staffing or other resources are required to tackle a specific problem. It will be the responsibility of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group to allocate the appropriate resources to deal with the problem.

**(d) Consultations**

Community Safety Partners participate in the quarterly meeting where the Assessment Report is discussed. Partners are familiar with the concept of the evidence based priorities and where the Assessment Report sits within the structure.

**5 CONCLUSION**

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**Background Papers: 4th Quarter Assessment Report**

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