



**REPORT TO: SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP – 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2008**

**SUBJECT: ROLE & REMIT OF THE SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP**

**BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group is asked to agree the role and remit for this group.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

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**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Safer & Stronger theme covers two main areas within the theme. Within the Safer area it includes safety (fire, home, road and water), violent crime, antisocial behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and youth crime. Under the stronger area it incorporates housing, social inclusion, access to services and community involvement.

3.2 The previous community planning groups i.e. Building Stronger Communities and Community Safety Partnership covered many of these areas. There are also existing strategies in place, which the officers are working toward. These strategies include the Community Safer Strategy, Anti Social Behaviour Strategy, Equality Strategy, Moray Local Housing Strategy and Moray Homelessness Strategy.

3.3 In addition the Group will be working within the context of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) which is outlined below.

- 3.4 Following the Community Planning Board meeting on 29 May 2008, it was agreed that the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group delivers the following national outcomes from the SOA. The outcomes are:
7. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.
  9. We live our lives safer from crime, disorder and danger.
  10. We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.
  11. We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.
- 3.5 Arising out of the Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group meeting on 5 June 2008, it was agreed that the remit for 'equalities' be remit to the Safer & Stronger theme. The national outcome is:-
13. We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity.
- 3.6 The relevant SOA outcomes are attached. **(Appendix)**
- 3.7 Role of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group
- 3.7.1 Overall - to address the cross-cutting issues between the two areas of safer and stronger by addressing the shared priorities and actions to support the individual strategies. The individual strategies, which are still relevant, will determine the priorities for this Group.
- 3.7.2 SOA – to deliver and monitor the actions within the five SOA outcomes remitted to this Group.
- 3.7.3 Safer – to address road safety, antisocial behaviour, fire and home safety and violence reduction which will be detailed in the revised Safer Strategy.
- 3.7.4 Stronger – to address housing and homelessness as detailed in the Local Housing Strategy and Homelessness Strategy; social inclusion as detailed in the Social Inclusion Strategy; and Fairer Scotland Fund as detailed in the funding submission.
- 3.7.5 Equality – to address the equality agenda within the Partnership structure (referred from the Wealthier & Fairer Group).
- 3.7.6 Capacity Building – to focus on developing capacity building strategies which support the community engagement function of the Partnership.
- 3.7.7 General – to promote good practice within the areas covered by this theme
- 3.7.8 General – to approach problem solving through thinking and working laterally
- 3.8 Remit of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group - The remit of the Group, which is common to all the Community Planning Strategic Groups is:

## **Strategic**

- Identifying the theme groups' focus and priorities, referenced to the Community Planning Partnership strategic priorities, outlining the steps to meeting these priorities and committing the necessary resources
- Evaluate performance, holding each other to account and supporting problem solving with the Partnership
- Complete strategic assessment for theme – review annually

## **Co-ordinating**

- Target resources effectively to deliver priorities
- Ensure overall delivery and monitoring of the priorities target intervention and actions based on evidence based data
- Evaluate impact of intervention of action based on evidence
- Compile focused assessments to consider specific problems relating to agreed priorities including any specific changes and predictions for the next period identify any new issues; progress made in relation to the current problem solving activity; and identify any potential resource requirement

## **Operational**

- Management meetings – cross partner
- Topic based group – to deliver specifically against on of the activities or issues identified by the Co-ordinating group

3.9 This Group will require to identify the groups which will act as the co-ordinating groups for this theme. It was agreed at the previous meeting to establish a safer co-ordinating group to address the safer issues. It was noted that there were already groups established for housing and homelessness, which could act as co-ordinating groups for these areas if required. No groups are currently in existence for equalities, social inclusion or Fairer Scotland Fund and consideration needs to be given to these areas.

3.10 Reporting mechanisms for this Strategic Group will be through the Community Planning Board and the respective partners' meetings. For the Council, this will be the Communities Committee.

**Author of Report:**

**Background Papers:**

**Ref:**