

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING OF HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP**  
**THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2009**  
**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillor L Bell (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor B Jarvis	The Moray Council
Councillor A McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor A McKay	The Moray Council
Councillor J Sharp	The Moray Council
Barbara Bruce	MCHSCP
Elaine Brown	NHS Grampian
Dr Lesley Wilkie	NHS Grampian
Andrew Fowlie	NHS Grampian
Mike Perera	NHS Grampian

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Hamilton	The Moray Council
Mr S Riddell	The Moray Council
Mrs S Chisholm	The Moray Council

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs B Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Mr R Anderson, Community Planning Officer, and Mrs S Kennedy, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

**OBSERVER**

Mrs D Bosworth, Principal Accountant, the Moray Council

**1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 2 OCTOBER 2008**

The Minute of the meeting of the Healthier Strategic Group dated 2 October 2008 was submitted and approved.

There were no matters arising from the minute.

## **2. ACTIONS FROM COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATED 30 OCTOBER 2008**

### **(a) PROTOCOL TO ADDRESS CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager inviting the Group to note the agreed protocol for addressing issues, which cut across more than one of the five Community Planning themes.

## **3. PRESENTATION**

The meeting noted the presentation from Dr Lesley Wilkie, Director of Public Health, NHS Grampian highlighting the key issues and findings from the Annual Report 2008. The report reflected on the evidence on health and healthcare issues and progress during the year and acted as a stimulus to planning for health by all agencies within Grampian in 2008. She referred to celebrating 60 years of Public Health in Grampian (1948 –2008) and highlighted the improvement in mortality rates. She also referred to the different diseases throughout the period and how trends have changed, stressing the need to avoid becoming complacent. She re-iterated the big issues pertaining to nutrition, smoking and alcohol and advised that these problems could be solved by joining together the initiatives that are already going on, building upon these and including them in the Action Plan for this Group. Thereafter, she responded to questions from the Group.

The Chair on behalf of the Group thanked Dr Lesley Wilkie for her interesting presentation.

## **4. ROLE AND REMIT OF THE HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager inviting the Group to note the addendum, agreed by Legal Services, which is to be included in the role and remit of the Healthier Strategic Group.

## **5. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2008/09**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager presenting to the Group an updated version of the Strategic Assessment for the Healthier Theme. This will be used to develop strategic priorities for the partner organisations to be included in the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2010.

The Chair highlighted to the Group that reforms were happening in the Drug and Alcohol Team and that the Director of Community Services would report these to the next meeting of this Group.

During discussion it was agreed that Andrew Fowlie would draw up a list of achievable priorities that the Healthier Strategic Group should be concentrating on and to also look at ways of improving the quality of data for the next meeting of this Group.

Thereafter, the Group noted the updated Strategic Assessment, which will be used to develop strategic priorities for the partner organisations to be included in the Single Outcome Agreement (2009-2010).

## **6. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2008/09**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update of performance against the Single Outcome Agreement Performance Indicators relating to the Healthier theme and the progress being made against the Single Outcome Agreement required Actions.

Following consideration the Group:

- (i) noted the update of performance regarding the Performance Indicators relating to the Healthier Theme, as laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09;
- (ii) noted the progress being made against required actions relating to the Healthier theme as laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09; and
- (iii) agreed that in reference to paragraph 4.2.2 of the report, that the removal of the action, "Developing Housing/Support Models for Older People in their Communities", be delayed to allow the Corporate Policy Unit Manager the opportunity to explore this issue further and provide more information to the Group.

## **7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT (2009/10)**

During discussion of this item Andrew Fowlie left the meeting.

The Group noted the list of examples of potential partnership working from NHS Grampian to effectively address and improve health and well being in Moray, which were circulated at the meeting. The Corporate Policy Unit Manager clarified the position to the Group on the guidance given to Local Authorities by the Scottish Government with regard to the Single Outcome Agreement. She advised that the information required be focussed on a small number of strategic priorities and that some of the actions on the circulated list may be more appropriately picked up by the Theme Group.

During discussion the Group also discussed the possibility of securing a vehicle, which could provide more information on Drug and Alcohol misuse with the possibility of issuing a questionnaire to parents/focus groups seeking their views on this issue. The Corporate Policy Unit Manager advised that this

issue could possibly be pursued through the Citizens' Panel (contracted to Craigforth) funded by the Community Planning Partnership. A request for commercial information from pubs on the amount of alcohol being sold was also suggested.

The Group supported this idea, and noted that the Lead Officer from NHS Grampian on the Licensing Forum was Tracey Gervaise and that NHS Grampian was in the process of appointing a Public Involvement Officer who would have responsibility for organising consultation and engagement around Public Health.

Thereafter, the Group agreed that they would wait until NHS Grampian appointed its Public Involvement Officer before any discussions took place between Officers and Craigforth on this issue.

### **8. AOCB**

The Chair, read out a letter to the Group from Shona Robison, Minister for Public Health with regard to delayed discharge targets. The letter included a range of broad headings to be used as the basis for dialogue between the Scottish Government, NHS Boards, Local Authorities and Cosla and noted that officials would be making contact with partnerships in the near future to expand on the content of the letter.

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Healthier Strategic Group would be held on Thursday 9 April 2009 at 9.30 am within the Committee Room, the Moray Council Office, Elgin. Items for the Agenda to be forwarded to the Clerk by Friday 27 March 2009.

### **10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The meeting noted the Action Sheet from the Community Planning Board meeting dated 27 November 2008.