

THE MORAY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING OF HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP
THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2009
COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor L Bell (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor B Jarvis	The Moray Council
Councillor J Hamilton	The Moray Council
Councillor A McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor J Sharp	The Moray Council
Dr Lesley Wilkie	NHS Grampian
Andrew Fowlie	NHS Grampian
Mike Perera	NHS Grampian
Councillor A Wright (Ex-officio)	The Moray Council

APOLOGIES

Councillor A McKay	The Moray Council
Councillor J Hamilton	The Moray Council
Mrs S Chisholm	The Moray Council
Mrs E Brown	NHS Grampian

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Riddell, Director of Community Services, Mrs J Mackie, Lead System Manager (substituting for Sally Chisholm), Mr J Ferguson, Community Planning and Development 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 15 JANUARY 2009

The Minute of the meeting of the Healthier Strategic Group dated 15 January 2009 was submitted and approved.

There were no matters arising from the minute.

2. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT MONITORING REPORT – QUARTER 3 UPDATES

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 and the progress being made against the Single Outcome Agreement required actions in regard to the Healthier theme.

The Community Planning Officer updated the meeting on progress and advised that a traffic light system had been introduced to make it easier to interpret the trends in performance. He further advised the Group that a full performance report on the SOA (2008/09) was to be submitted to the Scottish Government in September 2009 and made a plea to officers to ensure that the detail and information for Quarter 4 was accurately and fully reported to inform the report.

The meeting noted that Jane Mackie, Lead Systems Manager, Community Services, had been in contact with Hanover Housing to review very sheltered housing with a view to developing housing/support models for older people in their communities. It was noted that there would be a long lead into this and it would possibly be 2010 before this would happen.

During discussion, Officers responded to other questions from the Group in regard to performance indicators, school meals and telecare. It was agreed in respect of performance indicators that further refinements to the reporting system were still required and that these would be addressed.

Thereafter, the Group agreed to:

- (i) note the update of performance regarding the Performance Indicators relating to the Healthier theme, as laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09;
- (ii) note the progress made against the required actions relating to the Healthier theme, as laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09;
- (iii) ensure that the information reported against the actions would show how it contributes to the delivery against the outcomes and gives support to the collection of the end of year information to enable the Council to submit its end of year report.

3. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009/10

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager inviting the group to note the current status of the Single Outcome Agreement 2009/10 and to become involved in the development of the local delivery action plans.

The Community Planning Officer updated the group on the progress with the SOA 2009/10 and advised that the draft SOA had been submitted to the Scottish Government on time at the end of February 09. The Council was awaiting a formal response from the Scottish Government and he advised that any changes to the SOA, arising from that, would be reported to the Moray Council on 22 April and the Community Planning Board on 07 May in preparation for the final sign off by all the partners on 05 June. He further advised that work was on going with Lead Officers to develop local delivery action plans for all 24 local outcomes with assistance from the Improvement Service.

Thereafter, the Group noted the current status of the Single Outcome Agreement for 2009/10 and agreed to become involved in the development of the local delivery action plans.

4. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT – OUTCOME 6 – PRIORITIES AND PRESENTATION

There was submitted a report by Dr Lesley Wilkie, the Public Health Lead, Moray community Health and Social Care Partnership providing the Group with a brief summary on the role the Healthier Strategic Group and inviting the group to review and acknowledge the priorities as identified within the SOA 2009/10 Outcome: We live longer and Healthier Lives,

The Group noted the interesting presentation from Andrew Fowle. NHS Grampian, covering the actions required by the Group to take forward the four priorities to improve the quality of life for the people of Moray. The Group also noted the input from Jane Mackie in regard to Older People's Services, Mike Perera in regard to Mental Health and Alcohol Issues, and Dr Lesley Wilkie in regard to Health Improvement.

Thereafter, the Group reviewed and acknowledged the priorities identified within the SOA 2009/10, Outcome 6: We Live Longer and Healthier Lives.

5. FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND PROPOSALS

There was submitted a report by the Community Planning and Development Manager inviting the Healthier Strategic Group to consider how it can contribute to the achievement of the Fairer Scotland Fund objectives and to put forward proposals on how the fund could be invested.

The Community Planning and Development Manager updated the Group on the objectives of the Fairer Scotland Fund and apologised for the tight timescales. He advised that projects would be monitored and measured and criteria would be evidence based.

Thereafter, the Group noted the tight timescales and agreed to contribute to the achievement of the Fairer Scotland Fund Objectives.

6. ESTABLISHING MORAY'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services inviting the Healthier Strategic Group to approve the proposed development of an Alcohol and Drug Partnership in Moray.

Sandy Riddell, Director of Community Services and Chair of MDAAT updated the Group. He advised that Fergus Ewing, MSP, had made a number of announcements on the 20 April 2009 in Edinburgh involving representatives of the Scottish Government, Cosla, Policy Makers and Stakeholders on the way forward to tackle drug and alcohol problems. He further advised that MDAAT had been the pilot for Drug and Alcohol issues, had previously been inspected, and inspectors were due to return soon to Moray. It was also noted that the Healthier Strategic Group was the lead group in this area and he was keen for this Group to get on and deliver and gave an assurance that work was on-going and any development would be reported to the Group.

Thereafter, the group agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed structural and reporting arrangements for an Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) in Moray.
- (ii) to task the Chair of MDAAT to establish the ADP and its supporting structure;
- (iii) to remit to the ADP to provide a progress report on the functioning of the partnership along with a draft Alcohol and Drugs Strategy for its meeting on 2 July 2009; and
- (iv) that the ADP is reviewed by the Strategic Group within 12 months of being established.

7. SUICIDE PREVENTION

There was submitted a report by Mike Perera, Integrated Services Manager, NHS Grampian inviting the Group to approve the draft "Choose Life" local Action Plan for Moray.

Mike Perera updated the Group on the Scottish Government's launch of "Choose Life" a National Strategy and Action Plan aimed at addressing the rising rates of suicides in Scotland. He advised that the strategy formed a key part of the work of the National programme for Improving mental health and well being in Scotland, which was launched in October 2001 and thereafter he responded to questions from the Group.

Thereafter, the Healthier Strategic Group agreed to approve the draft "Choose Life" Local Action Plan For Moray.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (AOCB)

There were no items under AOCB

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Group would be held on Thursday 2 July 2009.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The meeting noted the Action Sheet from the Community Planning Board meeting dated 05 February 2009.