

THE MORAY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING OF HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2009
COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor L Bell (Chair)	the Moray Council
Councillor B Jarvis	the Moray Council
Councillor J Sharp	the Moray Council
Mr C Muir	MCHSCP
Dr L Wilkie	NHS Grampian
Mrs I Graham (Substituting for A Fowlie)	NHS Grampian

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors J Hamilton, A McKay, A McDonald, Chief Executive, The Moray Council, Andrew Fowlie, NHS Grampian and Mrs Eileen Bush, MVSO.

Apologies were also intimated on behalf of Mrs E Brown and Mrs T Gervaise, NHS Grampian.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Riddell, Director of Community Services, Mrs J Mackie, Acting Head of Community Care, (substituting for Sally Chisholm), the Moray Council, Mrs S Milton, Grampian Police, Mr G Morrice, Inverness Prison, Mr M Perera, NHS Grampian, Mrs B Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Mrs D Skene, Community Planning Officer, Mr D Westmacott, Apprentice Committee Services Officer and Mrs S Kennedy, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting

1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 2 JULY 2009

The Minute of the meeting of the Healthier Strategic Group dated 2 July 2009 was submitted and approved subject to the removal of Councillor Sharp's name from Item 7, page 4 of Minute.

Matters Arising

Mr. S Riddell, Director of Community Services referred the Group to item 5, page 3 of the Minute and advised that interviews for the post of a Senior Health Improvement Manager had taken place, however no appointment had been made and the post would be re-advertised shortly.

The Chair referred to item 6, pages 3 and 4 of the Minute and advised that the Director of Educational Services was unable to attend this meeting; however he would be in attendance at the next meeting of this Group.

2. REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL GROUPS

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager following instruction from the Community Planning Board that all Strategic Theme Groups review their operational groups to ensure they reflect the local delivery action plan priorities and have appropriate representation.

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager updated the Group on the current position advising that she would report on the whole suite of operational groups to the Community Planning Board and bring back a report to the theme groups which would include resource implications so that the Group can make informed choices. She also agreed to change the colour of writing in the organogram with regard to Safer & Stronger.

Thereafter, the Group agreed to:

- (i) review membership of the operational groups;
- (ii) list the remit of each operational group;
- (iii) report back to the Community Planning Board on 19 November 2009 on progress.

3. LOCAL DELIVERY ACTION PLANS

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager asking the Group to note the current progress against the development of the Local Delivery Action Plans, the comments for the Community Planning Board and any revision required.

Mrs B Mustard, the Corporate Unit Manager updated the Group and advised that a considerable amount of work had been undertaken to develop the local delivery action plans which support the Single Outcome Agreement 2009-10 which would develop and improve overtime. She further advised that the milestones would provide a measurable indication of whether the action is being carried out and the impact against the outcome would provide information for the required public performance report. At the present time she advised that a brief summary of all activities is provided with exceptions highlighted and all partners need to be aware of what they are signing up to.

During discussion the Group agreed that they would focus on the areas of red and expressed the view that these issues be addressed at the meeting. However, should problems arise then officers will be tasked with providing answers to the next meeting of this Group.

Thereafter, the Group agreed

- (i) to note the current Local Delivery Action Plans and changes sought by the Community Planning Board;
- (ii) to remit the response for the change to the Corporate Policy Unit Manager and Lead Officers;
- (iii) to note that the first quarterly monitoring report for quarters 1 and 2 will be submitted to the next meeting and progress against the milestones will be reported;
- (iv) to focus on areas of red and that these issues be addressed at the meeting. Should there be problems securing an answer an Officer be tasked with bringing a response back to the next meeting of the group; and
- (v) that Superintendent S Milton liaise with Mrs B Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager with regard to amending and correcting the wording in relation to pages 20 and 21 of the report relating to Alcohol and Drugs.

4. HEALTHIER STRATEGIC GROUP; STRATEGIC APPROACH - FORWARD PLANNING

There was submitted a report by the Public Health Lead, MCHSCP informing the Group of the proposed system and structure to support the Group's strategic approach and agenda so to maxim of the report.

During discussion of this item the Group raised concern that the Officer was not present to speak to her report and the view expressed was that the report should be deferred. However discussion arose with regard to timings, one agenda items etc and the views expressed were that space should be allocated at the end of the Agenda to accommodate any issues of concern that may arise. It was also agreed that the Group should have the flexibility to change items as priorities arise.

Mrs J Mackie, the Acting Head of Social Care, proposed that a report on "Long Term Conditions" be considered for the next meeting of this Group.

Thereafter, the Group agreed that:

- (i) one item agendas were not suitable for this Group;
- (ii) there should be space on the agenda to consider other items that may arise;
- (iii) that these items should be held at the end of the meeting and that there should be flexibility to change these items as priorities arise; and

- (iv) Mrs J Mackie. Acting Head of Social Care liaise with Mrs B Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager with regard to a proposed item for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting of this group with regard to “Long Term Conditions”.

5. CEL 26 (2009) HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS ADVICE NOTE

There was submitted a report by the Public Health Lead, MCHSCP informing the Group of the key points and recommendations stated in the CEL 26 (2009) Health Improvement and Community Health Partnerships Advice Note.

During discussion the Chair moved a change to the recommendation as printed in 2.1 of the report, which was accepted by the Group.

Thereafter, the Group agreed to acknowledge and support the development to effectively address the key recommendations as stated in CEL 26 (2009) Health Improvement and Community Health Partnerships Advice Note.

6. ESTABLISHING MORAY'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services asking the Group to approve the proposed Constitution for the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership (MADP).

Following consideration the Group agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed Constitution/Governance arrangements for the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) in Moray;
- (ii) to task the Chair of the MADP to implement the Purpose, Aims and Objectives of the Partnership; and
- (iii) that the Constitution is reviewed by the Strategic Group within 12 months of being implemented.

7. MADP - MORAY DELIVERY PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services asking the Group to approve the Moray Delivery Plan for the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

Following consideration the Group agreed to:

- (i) approve the proposed Moray Delivery Plan 2009/10 to safeguard management and performance;

- (ii) use Moray Delivery Plan 2009/10 to hold the MADP accountable for evidencing best practice in the delivery of alcohol and drug services; and
- (iii) ask the chair of the MADP to complete the Moray Delivery Plan and report back to the Strategic Group in April 2010.

8. MORAY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP COMMISSIONING PLAN v2.1

Superintendent S Milton updated the Group on the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership (MADP) Commission Plan v2.1 which supports the MADP Strategy. She referred to page 9 of the report and advised that the dates set for the commencement of tendering were too ambitious and slippage had already occurred. The MADP was therefore looking to extend existing contracts until July 2010.

The Director of Community Services reminded the Group that the evolving detail of the Delivery Plan and the Commissioning Strategy had been informed by concerns raised by inspectors that resources historically had not been targeted on the basis of unmet need being identified strategically. Delays had occurred as a result of the time it had taken to undertake a detailed needs survey and the work on-going to strengthen commissioning processes. Concerns were emerging in relation to the potential underspend from last year having to be returned. That required to be discussed outwith this meeting and he suggested that an ad hoc meeting be arranged. He also advised that Moray needs to be absolutely clear on what their allocation will be to ensure that they can demonstrate and clarify the strategic and service landscapes to the Minister when he visits Moray on the 22 February 2010.

Thereafter, Mr S Riddell, Director of Community Services agreed to liaise with the relevant persons to set up a date for an ad-hoc meeting.

9. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP - DRAFT STRATEGY

Mr S Riddell, Director of Community Services updated the Group on the Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Draft Strategy and advised that the draft strategy would be circulated at the end of the month for comments which he required to receive by the end of November 2009. He also sought delegated authority to finalise the strategy.

Thereafter, the Group agreed to delegate authority to Mr S Riddell, the Director of Community Services, Mrs B Mustard, the Corporate Policy Unit Manager and the Chair of the Healthier Strategic Group to finalise the strategy.

10. GUIDANCE REFERRAL PATHWAYS - DRUGS HEAT TARGETS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services asking the Group to note the guidance given and to be aware of the cross cutting issues for other themed groups.

Following consideration the group agreed to:

- (i) use the Guidance on Referral Pathways document to support progress in offering drug misusers faster access to appropriate treatment to support their recovery;
- (ii) promote a partnership approach in reducing waiting times for appropriate treatment to support recovery; and
- (iii) ensure that any cross-cutting issues be reported to Mrs B Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager

11. FORTHCOMING PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

Mr S Riddell, Director of Community Services updated the Group on the forthcoming partnership conference. He advised that all elected members had been invited to attend the conference on the 22 February 2009. He further advised that the aim of the conference was to launch the MADP Strategy, the Delivery Plan and Commissioning Plan and he urged the Group to put forward ideas for showcasing practice/services for the Minister to see during his visit.

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mr S Riddell, the Director of Community services advised the meeting that he would circulate copies of the website link on the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) Follow-up Report on Substance Misuse services across Grampian.

Dr L Wilkie, the Director of Public Health advised that the New Public Health Act 2008 was enacted on 1st October 2008 and a report on the Joint Protection Health Plans would be submitted to a future meeting of this Group.

Mr M Perera, Integrated Mental Health Services Manager advised the Group that it had been agreed that "Ward 4" Dr Gray's Hospital would continue to stay in service.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Group would be held on Thursday 4 February 2010.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The meeting noted the Action Sheet from the Community Planning Board meeting dated 27 August 2009.