



## Your Moray - Your Safety

### **MINUTE OF MEETING OF SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP**

**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2009**

**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor E McGillivray (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor D Ross	The Moray Council
Councillor R Shepherd	The Moray Council
Councillor D Stewart	The Moray Council
Liz Tait	NHS Grampian
Rae Cameron	Grampian Fire & Rescue
Adrian Moar (representing Sharon Milton)	Grampian Police

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor M McConachie, The Moray Council, Sharon Milton, Grampian Police and Alastair Keddie, The Moray Council

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Chief Housing Officer, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Housing Strategy Officer and Miss S Flett, Project Officer as clerk to the meeting.

#### **1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 2009**

The minute was submitted and approved as an accurate record subject to the following being noted

- (i) Under Item 5 the Sub Group has not yet been established due to issues with the flooding;
- (ii) Under item 11 nominations are currently being sought for the group and that briefings are taking place.

## **2. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT – Q1 & 2 MONITORING STATEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manger providing the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) milestones and to advise the group on the progress made against the 2008/09 unmet actions relating to the Safer & Stronger theme.

The meeting noted that at the midway point actions were progressing very well and that most actions were being met.

Following a question from Councillor Ross the group discussed the impact of receiving these reports after the Board and agreed that the Corporate Policy Unit Manager would circulate the monitoring statements to the Chair prior to submitting them to the Board to allow for comments.

Following consideration, the group agreed to note the progress with the milestones.

## **3. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING OPERATIONAL GROUPS**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager asking the Group to identify any required changes and consider whether all of the operational groups are still required, and if still required, provide the defined outcomes for each group. The Group were also asked to note that the formation of any future operational group should be approved by the Community Planning Board.

Following consideration the group agreed to:

- (i) Refer consideration of the operational groups to the lead Officer of each key action, and
- (ii) Note that the formation of any future groups should be approved by the Community Planning Board.

## **4. DRAFT HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Housing Officer asking the Group to note that the Draft Homelessness Strategy is now being consulted on and asking them to forward any comments they may have. The consultation will run until 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The Group were also asked to note that the final strategy will be presented to the Communities Committee in April 2010.

Following consideration the Group noted the report.

## **5. CONSULTATIVE DRAFT INTERIM LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Housing Officer asking the Group to note that the Interim Local Housing Strategy Main Issues Report will be going out for public consultation. The Group were asked to consider any responses it wished to make and note that the Interim Local Housing Strategy 2010-2013 will be presented to Communities Committee in April 2010.

The Chief Housing Officer explained that the introduction of new guidance means that there is no requirement to have a Local Housing strategy until 2013. A decision was taken to introduce a draft strategy as it was felt that this timescale was too long.

Following consideration the group noted the report.

## **6. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING APPLICATION**

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager gave an update on the current situation with the Participatory Budgeting Application. It was explained to the Group that the COSLA application had been unsuccessful at this time and that a decision on the Match Funding Application was due to be taken in November but this has been put back to mid December.

Following consideration the Group agreed to:

- (i) Receive an e-mail update from the CPUM on the match funding decision once it has been announced.

## **7. COMMUNITY PLANNING WEBSITE**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager asking the Group to note the progress of the Community Planning Website and that the website will now be reported as required, not as a standing item.

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager explained that time is now being spent on getting the website up to date and correct rather than writing reports on it, she also explained that the website is currently bare as any outdated or non relevant information has been stripped out, but that there is work being done to build this back up. The Group were updated on the intention to have the front page of the website themed to be in-keeping with the Community Planning Calendar. The Group were also updated on the new format of the E-bulletin, it is now being sent out fortnightly as opposed to monthly. Liz Tait, NHS Grampian commented on the E-bulletin saying that she really likes it and that it feels great. Rae Cameron, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service agreed with Liz and said that the E-bulletin was First Class.

Following consideration the group noted the report.

## **8. SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE**

The Group were given an oral update from the Partnership Development Officer, Grampian Police on the Safer Streets Initiative.

Following Consideration the group agreed to:

- (i) Note that a pilot project will be run by Grampian Police in Elgin during December for a dedicated ambulance to be in place in Elgin town centre, a dedicated nurse at the custody suite in the Police Office who will also act as a liaison between police officers and the A&E department of the hospital, and the re-introduction of the taxi marshal service;
- (ii) Receive a report to the next meeting of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group on the outcome of the project
- (iii) Report back to the next meeting on the progress with the S4 disco.

## **9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There was submitted and noted an action sheet from the Community Planning Board Meeting on Thursday 19 November 2009.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.