

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

**THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2010**

**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors E. McGillivray, M. McConachie, D. Ross and D. Stewart.  
Miss K. Ferguson, Youth Council, Mr G. Gray, GFRS,  
Superintendent S. Milton, Grampian Police and Mrs H. Milnes, Volunteer  
Centre

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Miss S. Flett, Project Officer, Housing Needs  
Manager, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Fairer Scotland Manager (in  
respect of Item 4) and Mrs C. Carswell, Committee Services Officer as Clerk  
to the meeting

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor R. Shepherd, Mr A. Keddie, Moray Council and Mrs L. Tait, NHS

#### **1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 10 JUNE 2010**

The minute of 10 June 2010 was submitted and approved as an accurate  
record.

#### **2. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2010/11 – QUARTER 1 MONITORING STATEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing  
the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)  
milestones relating to the Safer & Stronger theme as at the end of June 2010.

Superintendent Milton asked that within the table of key actions, could the  
wording of “Registered Sex Offenders” be amended to read “MAPPA (Multi-  
Agency Public Protection Arrangements)

Following consideration, the Group agreed to:-

- i. note the performance regarding against milestones, due to be  
completed by June 2010, for which the Safer and Stronger Group was  
responsible;

- ii. note the progress of each key action and the overall progress made against each local outcome at the end of the first quarter; and
- iii. identify to the Community Planning Board resource issues which would prevent delivery of any key actions.

### **3. EASY READ SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME**

There was submitted by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager, a copy of the Single Equality Scheme document which had been submitted to the Communities Committee.

Councillor McGillivray advised that the Communities Committee had not approved the document in its current format and had asked for amendments to be made. The Communities Committee had approved the original document which had been submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee on 27 April 2010 (para 8 of the minute refers).

Thereafter, the Group agreed due to the decision made at the Communities Committee, the document would be reviewed and brought back to the group.

### **4. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT – IMPLEMENT FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND: MCMC TRAINING**

There was submitted a report by the Community Planning and Development Manager updating the Group on progress around the training being provided to support the More Choices More Chances (MCMC) Strategy.

The Fairer Scotland Manager advised that the target for the end of June had been missed due to the position being vacant but they were now on track and the training had taken place in September.

Councillor McGillivray asked that in the future, Councillors diaries be checked in order to try and ensure that everyone could take advantage of the training.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to note the progress made in terms of a training session that took place on 28 September 2010.

### **5. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT – SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY, ACTION PLAN AND TARGETS**

There was submitted a report by the Community Planning and Development Manager updating the Group on progress around the implementation and distribution of the Social Inclusion Strategy and explaining slippage on two Single Outcome Agreement targets.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to:-

- i. note the presentation of the Strategy to the Community Planning Board on 16 September 2010; and
- ii. note the approval of the Strategy by statutory and voluntary partners on the Board and the decision by Moray Council representatives on the Board for the paper to be presented to a Policy and Resources Committee for further discussion on resource implications.

## **6. COMMUNITY SAFETY – PROGRESS AGAINST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN FOR PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE 2010**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update of performance against Community Safety performance indicators and providing the Group with an update of activity undertaken by the four Community Safety Groups in relation to tackling Community Safety priorities.

The Antisocial Behaviour Coordinator spoke to the report and the meeting noted that due to lighter nights over the summer, vandalism often increased but this was classed as a priority incident within Moray's Police.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to:-

- i. note the performance against Community Safety performance indicators; and
- ii. note the activity undertaken in relation to Community Safety.

## **7. HOMELESSNESS IN MORAY – ANNUAL REVIEW 2009/10**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing and Property presenting an analysis of homelessness in Moray during 2009/10 and comparing this with that of previous years.

The Housing Needs Manager spoke to the report and answered any questions which the Group had. He also advised that there required to be a better way of sharing information between organisations, for instance where a relationship breakdown has occurred due to having been affected by violence. This would help to join up strands and target resources so as not to duplicate any work which had already been undertaken.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to:-

- i. note the analysis of homelessness in the report;
- ii. note the homelessness issues for Moray; and

- iii. note the future actions detailed in the report.

## **8. SAFER STREETS – SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

There was submitted a report by the Partnership Development Officer asking the Group to note that funding has been made available to the group under the 'Safer Streets' initiative and note that details of the spend will be reported to a future meeting.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator advised that they had received additional monies from Moray Drug & Alcohol last year and this could be used for the festive period this year in order to extend the initiative outwith Elgin.

With regard to the event for under 18s, Miss Ferguson advised that those who should be targeted may not attend school regularly and therefore may not attend the event.

The group noted that there required to be consistency within the schools as to promoting the event, the event may help those who had not already gone down the route of drinking alcohol but it was agreed that it would not capture those who had already decided to go down that path.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to note that funding had been made available to the Group under the 'Safer Streets' initiative and that details of the spend would be reported to a future meeting.

## **9. BEST VALUE IN POLICE EVALUATION**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update against the Accounts Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary response to independent review of joint Best Value audit and inspections in Tayside and Northern police areas.

Superintendent Milton thanked those who had been involved in the recent inspection and advised that the finalised document would be issue in due course.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to note the revised guidance for best value in the police.

## **10. INFORMATION REPORT: GRAMPIAN JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN 2010-2012**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environmental Services advising the Safer & Stronger Group that he Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan 2010-2012 had been presented to the Planning & Regulatory Services Committee on 6 April 2010, where it was approved and the Committee had

agreed to refer it to the Community Planning Healthier Strategic Group for information.

The meeting noted that the Healthier Strategic Group at its meeting on 29 April 2010 agreed that a copy of the Plan be circulated to all other theme groups for their information and at the Planning & Regulatory Services Committee, the Committee agreed that in future the draft Plan should be submitted in the first instance to the Community Planning Healthier Strategic Group prior to submission to the Planning & Regulatory Committee.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to note the Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan.

## **11. ALCOHOL PROBLEM PROFILE**

There was submitted a report by the Partnership Development Officer raising the awareness of members in relation to the impact irresponsible drinking and alcohol abuse has in Moray.

Superintendent Milton advised that it was an extremely important document as it could influence the amount of monies obtained for Grampian and also allowed the partnership to be made aware of any impacts being made in Moray.

Councillor Stewart stated, that in his opinion, the information regarding the impact of alcohol should be provided to the Licensing Board.

In response to a question from Councillor Ross regarding the nurse being available in custody on a Friday and Saturday, Superintendent Milton advised that to date this had not been achieved. There was the option of calling a police surgeon which was extremely costly or taking the person up to accident and emergency which took time. It had been an extremely good idea but following discussions with the NHS, she felt that this may not be achievable. There was a possibility of contracting in a professional but this did not look good with regard to partnership working.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to:-

- i. note the content of the report; and
- ii. support the further expansion of its content in terms of the crosscutting impact of alcohol to the partnership.

## **12. ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC PROTECTION FORUM IN MORAY**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services asking the Group to note the proposed development of a Public Protection Forum.

Councillor McGillivray felt that this was a useful forum to get information back to the Group.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to note the Community Planning Board's approval to establish a Public Protection forum within the Community Planning Partnership structure.

### **13. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager advised that this item had been included to ensure the group does not lose sight of any issues and to allow the Group to keep track of how work was progressing.

### **14. LOCAL DELIVERY ACTION PLANS**

Superintendent Milton advised that she had revisited the milestones with regard to national security and asked for approval for governance to write them as she wished to seek to change some milestones. The Group agreed to this.

Councillor McGillivray asked whether the Group should be concentrating on the alcohol problem within Moray, Superintendent Milton advised that the Drug & Alcohol Group report to the Healthier Group but that this group would be kept abreast of progress.