



Your Moray - Your Safety

MINUTE OF MEETING OF SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP

TUESDAY 5 JULY 2011

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors A. Wright (Substituting for E. McGillivray), D Ross, R Shepherd and D. Stewart, Rae Cameron (Grampian Fire & Rescue), Michael Gates (Youth Council), Helen Milnes (Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray), and Mark Cooper (Grampian Police).

APOLOGIES

Councillors E. McGillivray, M. McConachie, Roddy Burns (TMC) and Liz Tait (NHS).

IN ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Equal Opportunities Officer, Mrs D. Skene, Project Officer and Mr D. Westmacott, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of a Chair, Councillor Shepherd agreed to take the position of Chair. There being no-one otherwise minded Councillor Shepherd took the position of Chair.

2. WELCOME

The Group joined the Chair in welcoming Michael Gates to his first meeting of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group since replacing Katie Ferguson as the Youth Council representative.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 1 MARCH 2011

Under reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute, Rae Cameron advised that a draft model was with the Scottish Government. He confirmed that he would circulate the draft model to the Group once the embargo on it had been lifted.

Thereafter, the minute of 1 March 2011 was approved as an accurate record.

4. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2010/11 – QUARTER 3/4 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 March 2011.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to note:-

- (i) the performance against the key actions and the overall progress made against each local outcome; and
- (ii) the progress against milestones due to be completed by March 2011, for which the Safer and Stronger Group is responsible.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF EQUALITY LEGISLATION

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement milestones for 2010-11 relating to the key action of implementing equality within partner organisations and actions taken in preparation for the public sector specific equality duties.

Following consideration, the Group agreed to:-

- (i) note progress made against the milestones relating to the key action of implementing equality legislation within partner organisations and actions taken in preparation for the public sector specific equality duties;
- (ii) noted that Councillor D. Stewart, Mark Cooper (Grampian Police) and a Grampian Fire and Rescue representative will join the steering committee of the Moray Equalities Forum once this has been set up; and
- (iii) noted that Councillors A. McKay and E. McGillivray, the Youth Council and Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray would be approached to invite appointing a representative to the steering committee of the Moray Equalities Forum.

6. GREC RESEARCH

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager asking the Group to consider the recommendations from the GREC report and to consider partnership support to implementing the actions.

During discussions, Councillor Ross queried as to whether work was being done alongside outside agencies such as the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH). The Equal Opportunities Officer advised that although work

was being done in consultation with other agencies, SAMH was not one of them. He thanked Councillor Ross for bringing SAMH to his attention and confirmed that he would develop contact with the organisation.

Following consideration, the Group noted:-

- (i) that the Equal Opportunities Officer will develop contact with Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH); and
- (ii) that the Equal Opportunities Officer would submit an incident monitoring form to the next meeting of this Group.

7. FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND INTERIM EVALUATION

There was submitted a report by the Community Planning and Development Manager providing Committee with the interim evaluation on the Fairer Scotland Fund investment.

Following consideration, the Group noted the interim evaluation of the Fairer Scotland Fund, the lessons learned and the next steps as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME IN MORAY 2011/12

There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing and Property providing an update on affordable housing investment in Moray in 2011/12.

Following consideration, the Group noted:-

- (i) the changes introduced by Scottish Government to the arrangements for funding affordable housing;
- (ii) the details of bids to the Innovation & Investment Fund for affordable housing provision in Moray; and
- (iii) that a further report on the outcome of bids and the level of affordable housing in Moray in 2011/12 will be presented to a future meeting of the Group.

9. DRAFT HOUSING NEED AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing and Property advising the Group of the content of the Housing Need and Demand Assessment.

Following consideration, the Group noted the interim findings of the draft Housing Need and Demand Assessment.

10. DOMESTIC ABUSE EVENT – RAF LOSSIEMOUTH

There was submitted and noted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager highlighting the actions taken by the Domestic Abuse Forum in providing an awareness raising event at RAF Lossiemouth.

11. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2010-2015 – PROGRESS ACHIEVED

There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing and Property Services advising the Group of progress made in implementing the actions identified in the Homelessness Strategy 2010-2015 during 2010/11.

Following consideration, the Group noted:-

- (i) the progress achieved in 2010/11 in implementing the actions identified in the Homelessness Strategy; and
- (ii) the revised Homelessness Strategy Action Plan for 2011/12.

12. ROAD SAFETY GROUP – PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4 2010/11 (1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2011)

There was submitted and noted a report by the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator advising the Group of performance in Quarter 4 2010/11 (1 January – 31 March 2011) towards targets set against Road Safety.

13. PRESENTATION – FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND DVD

The Group noted the contents of the Fairer Scotland Fund DVD.

14. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

The Group noted the Statement of Outstanding Business.

15. PRE-PLANNED AGENDAS

The Group noted that items for the next agenda will be based on current trends to make best use of Officer's time.

The Group also noted that Officers will be encouraged to give some presentations to the Group instead of reports.