

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING OF SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP**  
**THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2009**  
**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillor J Hamilton (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor J Divers	The Moray Council
Councillor A McKay	The Moray Council
Councillor M Shand	The Moray Council
Sean Coady	NHS Grampian
Hugh Mackie	Grampian Police
Susan Chalmers	Skills Development Scotland
Anne Lindsay	Moray College

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Lee Bell.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

John Carney, Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice, Richard Donald, Acting Head of Educational Support Services, John Ferguson, Community Planning & Development Manager, Roy Anderson, Community Planning Officer and Mrs S Kennedy, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

**1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 27 NOVEMBER 2008**

The Minute of the meeting of the Smarter Strategic Group dated 27 November 2008 was submitted and approved.

**2. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2008/09 - QUARTER THREE  
UPDATES**

During discussion of this Item the Community Planning & Development Manager entered the meeting.

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 relating to the Smarter theme and the progress being made.

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager advised the Group of the changes to the format of the template for performance reporting and advised that reporting would continue on an annual basis using 'direction of travel arrows'. She highlighted to the Group that Quarter 4 information was to be reported 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 reported. Thereafter, the Group agreed the revised reporting format.

In response to concerns expressed by the Group in regard to the depth of responsibility of this Group and in particular reference was made to the lack of information on the Child Protection issue which was felt should have been a priority for discussion by this Group, the Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice gave an assurance that work was being undertaken by the Chief Officers Group and the Smarter Co-ordinating Group in regard to Child Protection.

The Corporate Policy Unit Manger agreed to ensure that quarterly reports on the work of the Implementation Group were reported to this Group. It was also noted that there was a mechanism in place for Partners to request items to be placed on the Agenda.

Thereafter the Group agreed to:

- (i) note the update of performance regarding the Performance Indicators relating to the Smarter theme, as laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2008/09;
- (ii). note the progress made against the required actions;
- (iii) ensure that the information reported against actions will show how it contributes to the delivery of outcomes and supports 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 asking the Group to note the current status of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and to become involved in the development of the local delivery action plans.

The Corporate Policy Unit Manger updated the Group on the current position and timescales for the Single Outcome Agreement for 2009/10.

The Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice updated the Committee on how indicators were scored and rated.

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

#### **4. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ROLE AND REMIT OF THE SMARTER GROUP**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice Services which provided more detail and clarification of the role and priorities of the Group.

Following consideration the Group agreed the Terms of Reference, Role and Remit, set out in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the report, for the Co-ordinating Group and the progress made in rationalising commissioned groups associated with the Smarter theme as described in Sections 3.5 and 3.6 of the report.

#### **5. INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2009-10**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice Services giving details on progress and development of the plan.

Following consideration the Group noted the progress being made to bring the plan to completion and agreed that the plan would be operational in 2009/10. The Group also agreed that the Co-ordinating Group would take forward the plan and sign it off on behalf of this Group.

#### **6. CORPORATE PARENTING SEMINAR**

The Meeting noted the update on Corporate Parenting by the acting Head of Educational Support Services. The Group also noted that a seminar would take place to promote the Corporate Parent initiative on the 23 April 2009 with guest speakers to which all Members and Partners would be invited to attend.

#### **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Group would be held on Thursday 4 June 2009.

#### **8. LOCAL INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT & PLANNING**

The Group noted that consultation on the Local Integrated Assessment & Planning had concluded on 14 November 2008 and the document would be updated to meet the 1 April 09 deadline.

## **9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There was submitted and noted an Action Sheet from the Community Planning Board Meeting dated 30 October 2008.

The Chair requested that the Community Planning & Development Manager bring forward a report to the next meeting of this group on the work of the Youth Council with a view to recommending to the Community Planning Board that consideration be given to appointing a Youth Council member to this Group.

## **10. AOCB**

The Community Planning & Development Manager circulated a copy of a letter dated 9 March 2009 addressed to the Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice in regard to the Fairer Scotland Fund advising that the Safer and Stronger Theme Group had agreed at its meeting of the 19 February 2009 that all theme groups and the Community Engagement Group of the partnership be approached to identify how they can contribute to the achievement of the Fairer Scotland Fund objectives and inviting suggestions for proposals on how the fund can be invested.

The Group agreed to delegate authority to the Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice to progress this issue through the Co-ordinating Group on behalf of the Smarter Theme Group, subject to meeting the criteria of the Fairer Scotland Fund.