

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING OF SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP**  
**THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2010**  
**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillor J Hamilton	The Moray Council
Councillor J Divers	The Moray Council
Councillor M Shand	The Moray Council
Paul Johnson	Action for Children
Mr C Wiles (Substituting for Mr S Coady)	NHS Grampian

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors L Bell and A McKay, Mr A Keddie, the Chief Executive, the Moray Council, Mr S Coady, NHS Grampian, Superintendent S Milton, Grampian Police, Mrs S Chalmers, Skills Development Scotland, Mrs A Lindsay, Moray College and Miss N Cordell, Moray Youth Council Representative.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs B Mustard, The Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Mr R Donald, the Acting Head of Educational Support Services, Councillor A Wright (Ex-Officio), Mr A Moar, Partnership Development Officer, Mr A Jamieson, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Miss S Flett, Project Officer and Mrs S Kennedy as Clerk to the meeting.

**1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 17 DECEMBER 2009**

The Minute of the meeting dated 1 April 2010 was submitted and approved as accurate.

There were no matters arising from the minute.

**2. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009/10 – QUARTER 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 Smarter theme as at the end of March 2010.

The Group noted that the report demonstrated that 83% of the specific milestones due to be completed by March 2010 for which the Smarter Group are responsible for are either complete or showing good progress being made. The milestones which have been carried forward to 2010-11 to deliver the key action of Corporate Parenting Strategy may pose a risk for deliver of the Local Outcome that 'Life Chances for children, young people and families at risk in Moray will improve' as expected during 2009/10 however the remaining exceptions pose no significant risk in the overall completion of local outcomes.

Thereafter, the Group agreed to:

- (i) note the update of performance information regarding the Smarter milestones due to be completed by March 2010, of which 83% are completed or are well progressed;
- (ii) note that exception comments are made against the milestones below 75% complete, at the end of the fourth quarter, within section 4.4 of the report; and
- (iii) note the progress of each Key Action and the overall progress made against each Local Outcome at the end of the fourth quarter.

### **3. EXCEPTION REPORT**

#### **(a) Domestic Abuse**

Under reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the Community Planning Board meeting dated 4 March 2010, there was submitted a report by Adrian Moar, Partnership Development Officer informing the Group of the reasons in relation to any milestones unlikely to be completed by the end of Quarter 4.

In response to a question from Councillor Divers with regard to the area referred to in paragraph 3.1 of the report, Mr A Moar agreed to liaise with Social Work and provide Councillor Divers with a definition of the area referred to as New Elgin (South Central).

Thereafter, the Group agreed to note the actions taken in relation to the completion of the milestone with regard to the employment of two Domestic Abuse Support Workers and also the withdrawal of funding in respect of the Domestic Abuse Conference.

### **3. SELF-EVALUATION OF INTEGRATED WORKING**

There was submitted a report by the Community Learning and Development Manager asking the Group to note the work undertaken in the self-evaluation of integrated working.

The meeting noted that the process of self evaluation generates key management information which results in an evaluation of overall quality and improvement which is then used to create a set of agreed, targeted action points which inform and drive further improvement which is becoming embedded across the public sector services in Scotland. The process of self evaluation is central to maintenance of quality and the pursuit of excellence.

Thereafter, the Group noted the work being undertaken in relation to the self-evaluation of integrated working.

### **4. REVIEW OF NESPC ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services advising the Theme Group of the membership, roles and responsibilities in revised structures for child protection in Moray and the North East of Scotland.

The meeting noted that following a review of child protection services in the Grampian area in 2009 work was carried out and a realignment of the service was undertaken and a new NESPC created which reflected the Community Planning System.

During discussion, Councillor Wright advised the meeting that following the outcome of the HMIE report the Child Protection Sub-Committee had sought two outcomes. Firstly, he was confident that the Action Plan implemented by the department would give Moray greater autonomy in its procedures; and secondly, he was pleased with the outcomes of Moray's own Child Protection Sub-Committee across the agencies including Elected Member representation.

Thereafter, the Group noted the local arrangements for child protection set within revised North East of Scotland arrangements.

### **5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services summarising progress made with Moray wide actions within the 2009/10 plan as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

## **6. INTEGRATED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE PLAN 2010-12**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Educational Support Services asking the Smarter Group to approve the Integrated Children and Young People's Service Plan for 2010-12.

During discussion, Paul Johnson, Action for Children commended the Locality Management Group for all their hard work.

Thereafter, the Group approved the Integrated Children & Young People's Service Plan for 2010/12.

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

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Environmental Services asking the Group to note the Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan referred from the Healthier Strategy group at its meeting on the 29 April 2010.

## **8. AOCB**

The Chair raised concerns expressed by Nicolle Cordell, Moray Youth Council in an e-mail dated 23 June 2010 seeking clarification on an item discussed at the previous meeting of this group with regard to accreditations and requesting that meetings are more youth friendly/understandable.

Following discussions the Group agreed that the Clerk seek further information from Miss Cordell with regard to the report on accreditations and that the issue of the groups becoming more Youth friendly be passed to Mrs Mustard to deal with.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Group would be held on Thursday 14 October 2010 at 9.30am.

## **10. ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

There was submitted and noted an Action Sheet from the Community Planning Board Meeting dated 27 May 2010.