

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING OF SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP**

**THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2011**

**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillor J Hamilton(Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor M Shand	The Moray Council
Anne Lindsay	Moray College
Katie Ferguson	Moray Youth Council
Paul Johnson	Action for Children

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors L Bell, J Divers, A McKay, the Chief Executive, the Moray Council, Mr S Coady, NHS Grampian, Superintendent M Cooper, Grampian Police. Mrs S Chalmers, Skills Development Scotland and Mr P Johnson, Action for Children.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs B Mustard, The Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Mr R Donald, the Acting Head of Educational Support Services, Mr G Sinclair, the Head of Educational Development Services, Mr J Ferguson, Community Planning & Development Manager, Ms Ruth Jeffries, Kinship Care Social Worker, Mr Joe Bodman, 16+Learning Choices Development Officer, Ms K Delaney, Community Learning & Development, (Team Leader), Youth Work, (in her capacity as support to the Youth Member), Mrs D Skene, Project Officer and Mrs S Kennedy as Clerk to the meeting.

**1. WELCOME**

The Chair on behalf of the Committee welcomed Katie Ferguson to the Committee in her capacity as the Moray Youth Council representative.

**2. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 13 OCTOBER 2010**

The Minute of the meeting dated 13 October 2010 was submitted and approved as accurate.

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from this Minute.

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

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice providing the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement milestones relating to the Smarter theme as at the end of September 2010.

During discussion and in response to a question from the Chair with regard to Corporate Parenting, Mr R Donald advised that a meeting had taken place with Who Cares? Scotland, and things were moving forward and an update would be provided to the next meeting of this group.

In response, to a question from the Chair with regard to the Early Years Framework and in particular if a directory had been produced, Mr G Sinclair agreed to investigate the position.

Thereafter, the Group, agreed to:

- (i) note the performance against the key actions and the overall progress made against each local outcome;
- (ii) note the progress against the milestones due to be completed by September 2010, for which the Smarter Group is responsible; and
- (iii) identify to the Community Planning Board resource issues which would prevent delivery of any key action.

### **4. 16+ LEARNING CHOICES**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Educational Services updating the Group on the Local Delivery Plan Milestones in relation to 16+ Learning Choices and the challenges for sustaining and progressing the agenda.

### **5. PRIVATE FOSTERING**

There was submitted a report by Ruth Jeffries, Kinship Care Social Worker updating the Group of the activity undertaken within Moray relating to Private Fostering in line with the recommendations of the Care Commission and commitments given to the Children and Young People's Services Committee.

Following consideration the Group noted:

- (i) the work undertaken in the past twelve months in relation to private fostering as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) agreed that more work be undertaken to more specifically identify and distinguish private fostering placements in 2011/12.

## **6. ADULT & YOUTH LITERACIES PROVISION IN MORAY**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Community Planning & Development Manager informing the Group of how the Adult & Youth Literacies provision is provided in Moray.

## **7. ADULT LITERACIES IN SCOTLAND (ALIS 2020)**

There was submitted a report by the Community Planning & Development Manager informing the Group of the Strategic Guidelines for Adult Literacies in Scotland 2020 (ALiS 2020).

Following consideration the Group noted the actions and commitments required from ALiS 2020 and agreed that a further report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of this group.

## **8. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

The Group noted that all items of outstanding Business to date had been addressed.

## **9. PRE-PLANNED AGENDAS**

The Group agreed that the undernoted items be submitted for discussion at the next meeting of this group:

- (i) Further report on Adult Literacies in Scotland 2020 – J Ferguson
- (ii) Wider Achievement – G Sinclair;
- (iii) UHI – A Lindsay
- (iv) Early years framework – J Carney; and
- (v) Youth Justice – J Carney

## **10. AOCB**

There were no items of AOCB raised at this meeting.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group, noted that the next meeting would be confirmed as soon as possible.