

REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP – 22 JUNE 2011

**SUBJECT: SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2010/11 – QUARTER 4
MONITORING STATEMENTS**

BY: HEAD OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for the report is to provide the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement milestones relating to the Smarter theme as at the end of March 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Group:-

- (i) scrutinise the performance against the key actions and the overall progress made against each local outcome;**
- (ii) scrutinise the progress against the milestones due to be completed by March 2011, for which the Smarter Group is responsible;**
- (iii) identify to the Community Planning Board resource issues which would prevent delivery of any key action.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Progress has been updated against those actions that were due to be completed by the end of the fourth quarter, March 2011.

3.2 The monitoring reports are an important aspect to demonstrate to Government that the Community Planning Partnerships have contributed to the delivery against the local and national outcomes. It is challenging to ensure the right balance is achieved in furnishing the Group with the information needed for them to ensure that local outcomes are delivered against keeping the analysis relevant and the report to a reasonable volume.

3.3 Overall, throughout the 5 theme groups and Community Planning Board, there are 412 milestones. Milestone updates were requested for those that were due to be completed by the end of the reporting quarter.

3.4 Updates against all milestones are included in the Quarter 4 Performance Monitoring Statements document on 'Your Moray' website.

4. SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE - PROGRESS AGAINST SMARTER SOA KEY ACTIONS (2010/11)

4.1 The Smarter Strategic Group is responsible for 5 local outcomes;

- Two under National Outcome 3, 'We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation'

- Two under National Outcome 4, 'Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens'

- One under National Outcome 5, 'Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed'

The 5 local outcomes have 7 underlying key actions, which have 80 milestones in total, all of which were due to be completed by the end of quarter 4, March 2011.

4.2 The following table provides a summary of performance against the 80 milestones which were due to be completed by March 2011.

Key Action	Number of milestones DUE for completion by Mar 2011	Progress 0 - 24%	Progress 25 - 49%	Progress 50 – 74%	Progress 75 – 99%	Complete
Corporate Parenting	14	2		2	1	9
Youth Justice	12		1		1	10
Implement 16+ Learning Choices Action Plan	14					14
Early Years Framework	13				1	12
Attainment and achievement agenda	8					8
Wider achievements	10				1	9
Development and Implementation of a Lifelong learning strategy	9	1		2	1	5
Total – Quarter 4	80	3 (4%)	1 (1%)	4 (5%)	5 (6%)	67 (84%)

4.3 The table above provides a guide on the rate of progress being made in meeting the milestones due for completion by the end of quarter four. Sixty seven of the 80 milestones have been completed. Milestones falling short of completion are detailed below and will be the subject of a separate report or an oral update by the lead officer to the Theme Group on reasons for slippage and an anticipated completion date.

4.3.1 Corporate Parenting Strategy

Present draft policy on Looked After Children to Smarter Strategic Group (Quarter 3 – 60%)

Present policy on Looked After Children to Moray Council for adoption (Quarter 3 – 60%)

The draft policy has now been placed with the Looked After Children Strategic Group (LACSIG). Work is underway to fully address outstanding issues and make amendments.

Identify Looked After Children to link to second tier officers (Quarter 3 – 0%)

Match identified Looked After Children to second tier officers (Quarter 4 – 0%)

Following discussion with CMT and consideration of the evaluation, a realignment of the project will take place, it is anticipated that these milestones will be deleted due to the change in direction.

Organise and review Work Experience placements of Looked After Children and report to Corporate Parenting Group (Quarter 4 – 90%)

Looked After Children have now been identified on SEEMIS to ensure that work experience is made available to them and tracked with an annual review of statistics to be returned to the Corporate Parenting group. It is expected that this milestone will complete in August on presentation of a report to CMT.

4.3.2 Youth Justice Strategy Group

Recommendations for action agreed for practice with young people who are sexually aggressive (Quarter 2 – 30%)

Progress has been interrupted by the illness of the local worker expert in this aspect of youth justice practice. It is anticipated that final recommendations will be delayed until June 2011.

Support to victims/public confidence project implemented (Quarter 3 – 80%)

A 'Study on Support to Victims of Youth Crime' in Moray has been prepared by Grampian Police in collaboration with other stakeholders. A series of recommendations are now being implemented.

4.3.3 Early Years Framework (incl. Parenting Strategy)

Increase % of new born babies exclusively breast fed at 6-8 weeks from 26.6% to 33.3% by end of March 2011 (Quarter 4 – 90%)

A number of programmes projects and initiatives are in place to increase the number of new born babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks in Moray, i.e. Healthy Start, Unicef Baby Friendly within Dr Grays and Community settings,

BRAG, Infant Feeding Midwife providing targeted support via the Mobile Information Bus (MIB) service in local areas of deprivation. While it is hoped that these initiatives have increased the % of new born babies being exclusively breast fed figures are, as yet, unavailable. It is anticipated that the results will be published early in 2012.

4.3.4 Wider Achievements

Review pilot and issue results to all schools (Quarter 4 – 90%)

The review pilot has been undertaken with positive results. It is anticipated that results will be issued to schools during the Spring/Summer term.

4.3.1 Lifelong Learning

Publication of Employer Engagement Skills Report for engineering sector (Quarter 1 - 50%)

The decision has been taken to defer this at this time pending the determination of Moray's new economic priorities. The College is anticipating the outcomes of this to a certain extent and is developing proposals for change that will, for instance, position Moray better to offer skills to prospective employers within the offshore wind sector. Employers will be consulted about these proposals as they develop. It is anticipated that the new draft Economic Strategy for Moray will be submitted for approval to the Community Planning Board on the 30 June 2011.

Completion of strategic review of Moray's adult learning activities and identification of opportunities for co-location of these (Quarter 2 – 75%)

A number of meetings have been held involving Moray College and Moray Council's Library Service which has allowed a significant degree of understanding to be arrived at as to the existing and likely future activities of each organisation and the potential for closer working and co-location in certain areas. This has already led to an agreement on changes to provision (e.g. Aberlour and Fochabers), with final consideration to be given to others in 2011-12.

Completion and launch of Moray Flexible Learning Prospectus (Quarter 3 – 10%)

Little progress has been made in relation to this other than initial discussions. This matter will be raised at the meeting of the Lifelong Learning Forum in June 2011 with a view to completion by the summer of this year.

Completion of Articulation Prospectus (Quarter 4 – 60%)

Steps are being taken to ensure that the relationship between the various qualifications being offered by the community planning partners are better understood in order to inform the decision making of local citizens. A start has been made by way of the development of new sections of the Moray College prospectus that will clearly set out the relationship between the various levels of qualification that the College offers, including those studied by local schoolchildren as part of the school-college curriculum. It would be intended that this be extended to other qualifications offered by organisations external to the partnership. It is anticipated that the remaining work will be completed by the end of 2011.

4.4 Percentage progress provided at the lowest level milestones due for completion by March 2011 contributes to the percentage progress against associated key actions as at the end of 2010/11 and thereafter percentage progress against local outcomes as at the end of 2010/11 and this is presented in the table below as a basic indicator. It should be noted that this is a simplistic calculation; it applies an equal weighting to every milestone in terms of importance.

As a guide, it can be assumed that key actions progress should be 100% at the end of 2010/11.

Local Outcome	Associated Key Actions	Key Action % Complete	Local Outcome % Complete
Life Chances for children, young people and families at risk in Moray will improve	Corporate Parenting Strategy	79%	85%
	Youth Justice Strategy	92%	
More young people will remain in learning post-16	Implement 16+ learning action plan	100%	100%
More young children in Moray will thrive	Early years framework	99%	99%
More young people will succeed in school	Attainment and achievement agenda	100%	99%
	Wider achievements	99%	
The community will develop and improve their learning and qualifications	Development and Implementation of a Lifelong learning strategy	77%	77%

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) **Single Outcome Agreement/ Service Improvement Plan**

The report sets out a detailed analysis of performance delivered during the quarter against the actions identified under the Smarter theme in the 2010/11 Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

There is a requirement on all Community Planning Partnerships to monitor performance and report annually to the Scottish Government on delivering against the national outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement.

(c) Financial implications

Resources for reporting against the Single Outcome Agreement 2010/11 will be met by the Council. Resources for delivering against the actions identified within the key actions will be considered by the Community Planning Board.

(d) Risk Implications

Key action milestones underpin Local and National Outcomes agreed with the Scottish Government. It is important that the Community Planning Board and Theme Groups carry out any considered action to ensure progress against milestones is achieved. Non-fulfilment of Single Outcome Agreement priorities approved with the Scottish Government may result in a loss of funding and/or reputation.

(e) Staffing Implications

Resources for delivering against the actions identified within the key actions will be considered by the Community Planning Board.

(f) Property

Resources for delivering against the actions identified within the key actions will be considered by the Community Planning Board.

(g) Equalities

There are no issues in this case.

(h) Consultations

The officers assigned to update key actions have provided the information for the monitoring report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 This report demonstrates that 67 of the 80 (84%) milestones due to be completed by end of March 2011, for which the Smarter Group is responsible, were completed within target timescales.

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