

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

**WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2011**

**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
Mark Cooper	Grampian Police
Susan Chalmers	Skills Development Scotland
Anne Lindsay	Moray College
Paul Johnson	Action for Children

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors L Bell, Chief Executive, (the Moray Council), Mr S Coady, (NHS Grampian) and Mr P Johnson (Action for Children).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs B Mustard, the Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Mr R Donald, the Head of Additional Support Services, Mr G Sinclair, the Head of Schools Learning & Development, Mr A Jamieson, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator. Mrs D Skene, Project Officer and Mrs S Kennedy as Clerk to the meeting.

**1. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

The Group noted that Mrs D Skene, Project Officer is to liaise with the Community Learning & Development (Team leader) to find a replacement Youth Member for this Group. Katie Ferguson, the previous member has now left the Youth Council and the Chair on behalf of the Group wished her well for the future.

**2. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 2 MARCH 2011**

The Minute of the meeting dated 2 March 2011 was submitted and approved as accurate.

There were no matters arising from the Minute.

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

In the absence of Mr Carney, Mr R Donald updated the meeting on the milestones relating to this group for Quarter 4.

Following consideration 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 March 2011, 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. YOUTH JUSTICE**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) presenting the Group with the 2010 Moray Youth Justice Report and the 2011-12 Performance Improvement Objectives within the 2010-12 Moray Youth Justice Plan.

In the absence of Mr Carney, Mr R Donald updated the Group on the report and commended the team on their positive work. It was noted that youth crime is dropping and agencies and partners are working well together to tackle crime early. Youth crime continues to reduce in Moray at a quicker rate than surrounding areas as can be evidenced from the figures detailed in the report.

Thereafter, the Group agreed to:

- note the 2010 Moray Youth Justice Report and 2011-12 Youth Justice Performance Improvement Objectives; and
- note that no further funding is available for external evaluation of the Youth Justice Plan.

## **5. ADULT LITERACIES IN SCOTLAND 2020 (ALIS 2020) PROGRESS UPDATE MAY 2011**

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

## **6. CORPORATE PARENTING – UPDATE**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Educational Support Services updating the Group on the arrangements and plans in relation to the development of Corporate Parenting in Moray.

## **7. WIDER ACHIEVEMENT**

The Group noted the verbal update from Mr G Sinclair, Head of Schools Learning and Development in respect of the wider achievement for young people in schools and the need to develop profiles for them through the use of IT to ensure that up to date information is captured. He advised that he would be in a better position to report on the direction of travel, timescales and the next steps at a future meeting of this group.

## **8. UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS**

There was submitted and noted a report by Mike Devenney, Principal, Moray College updating the Group on the status of the University of the Highlands and Islands.

## **9. EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) updating the Group on the progress made in Moray with the Early Years Framework and the challenges to be addressed as detailed in the report.

## **10. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

The Group noted that the Statement of Outstanding Business had been addressed.

### **11. PRE-PLANNED AGENDAS**

The meeting noted that there were no pressing issues raised and Mrs B Mustard agreed to liaise further with officers re items of business for the pre-planned agenda,

### **12. AOCB**

There were no items of business raised under AOCB,

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15 September 2011 at 9.30am.

### **14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There was submitted and noted the Action Sheet from the meeting of the Community Planning Board dated 31 March 2011.