



MINUTE OF MEETING OF WEALTHIER & FAIRER STRATEGIC GROUP

THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2011

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor J Russell (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor S Cree	The Moray Council
Councillor G McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor P Paul	The Moray Council
Councillor A Wright	The Moray Council
Gordon Holland	HITRANS
Mike Devenney	Moray College
Calum MacPherson	HIE Moray
Lesley Ann Parker	Moray Chamber of Commerce
Jean Grimshaw	Federation of Small Businesses
Susan Chalmers	Skills Development Scotland
Donna Breen	Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray
Casey Mainland	Moray Youth Council

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of

IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Moray Council, John Ferguson, Planning & Development Manager, Moray Council, Sandy Ritchie, Head of Direct Services, Moray Council, Reni Milburn, Principal Officer, Economic Development and Shelley Flett, Project Officer Clerk to the Meeting

1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 14 OCTOBER 2010

The Minute of the Meeting of the Wealthier and Fairer Strategic Group dated 14 October 2010 was submitted and approved as an accurate record.

2. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2010/11: QUARTER 2 MONITORING STATEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Development Services providing the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) milestones relating to the Wealthier & Fairer theme as at the end of September 2010.

Following consideration the Group:

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

3. DISCUSSION ON LOCAL DELIVERY ACTION PLANS GOING FORWARD

4. TOWN REGENERATION

There was submitted a report by the Head of Development Services providing the Group with an update on the Town Regeneration work in relation to the Wealthier & Fairer theme.

Following consideration the Group scrutinised and noted the content of the report.

5. BUSINESS PARKS

6. LIFE SCIENCE CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Principal, Moray College providing the Group with an update in relation to the slippage in achieving the milestones attached to the Moray Life Sciences Centre project for 2010/11.

Following consideration the Group:

- (i) noted the delays that have been encountered in making the expected progress with the Moray Life Sciences Centre during this planning period; and
- (ii) noted the steps that have been taken to ensure that the project re-establishes a momentum that will see considerable progress towards completion during the rest of this calendar year.

7. MORAY 2020 UPDATE

8. A NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR MORAY AND ELGIN CITY REGION FOR THE FUTURE

There was submitted a joint report by David Duncan, The Moray Council and Calum MacPherson, Highlands & Islands Enterprise advising the Group as to the background to current position on, and programmes for, the completion of the projects 'A New Economic Strategy for Moray' and 'Elgin – City Region For The Future'.

Following consideration the Group noted the background to, current position on, and programmes for the completion of the two projects referred to in this Report.

9. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

10. PRE-PLANNED AGENDAS

11. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSI