



PARTICIPATION REQUESTS ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, introduced a new means by which community groups can request to have involvement in, and influence over, decisions and services which affect communities. This involvement is described as an outcome improvement process and is initiated by a Participation Request.

There are several possible purposes for which Participation Requests can be used, including

- To help people start a dialogue about something that matters to their community, through highlighting needs, issues or opportunities for improvement.
- To help people have their voice heard in policy and service development, through contributing to decision-making processes.
- To help people to participate in the design, delivery, monitoring or review of service provision, through contributing to service change or improvement.
- To help people to challenge decisions and seek support for alternatives which improve outcomes

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

Number of Participation Requests received	0
Number of Participation Requests validated	0
Number of Participation Requests agreed to	0
Number of Participation Requests refused	0
Number of Participation Requests resulting in service improvement	0

No Participation Requests, expressions of interest or enquiries were received by Moray Council in the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

Promotion of Participation Requests

Steps to be taken to promote Participation Requests in Moray in 2019/20 include

- Publishing guidance on the Council's website
- Promoting through Social Media
- Promoting through community newsletters
- Issuing advisory leaflets to Community Councils and community organisations
- Displaying advisory leaflets in public buildings
- Arranging a briefing session for Directors and Service Managers
- Providing a central point of contact for enquiries
- Offering support to develop Participation Requests