



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 18 APRIL 2019

SUBJECT: WORKING TOGETHER – AN UPDATED COMPACT

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To ask the Board to endorse and adopt 'Working Together', a voluntary agreement setting out how the Community Planning Partnership intends to work with community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Board:-

- i) endorse the contents of 'Working Together'**
- ii) invite all Partnership groups and all statutory sector partners to consider and discuss the operational implications of 'Working Together', and to report these back to the Community Engagement Group; and**
- iii) invite the Community Engagement Group to develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation plan to assess the impact of 'Working Together' over time, and to provide annual reports to the Board on that impact**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. 'Working Together' (**APPENDIX I**) is a focused and largely jargon-free replacement for the Moray Compact 2016-2018; it is intended to strengthen the relationship between the Moray Community Planning Partnership and the third sector in Moray.

- 3.2. A Compact is an agreement between the public sector and the third sector, which is made up of the wide range of organisations which are neither in the public sector nor in the private sector, and includes voluntary organisations, community groups, volunteering bodies, charities and social enterprises.
- 3.3. The purpose of 'Working Together' is to strengthen working relationships between the two sectors in order to deliver the best possible outcomes for the people of Moray.
- 3.4. The first Moray Compact was agreed in 2002 and updated in 2008; since then, both the national and local context have changed. The 2016-2018 Compact was developed to reflect this as well as include changes introduced by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, and has now been brought up to date.
- 3.5. 'Working Together' has a wide audience; all partners, from the grassroots to the strategic, need to find it valuable in their every day work. For this reason 'Working Together' deliberately aims to reflect the interests of all parties and outlines strategic direction. Supporting policies will deal with the more practical details of working together.
- 3.6. 'Working Together' provides a framework to guide working relationships and sets out mutual expectations. There is no expectation that partners will necessarily be able to implement all of 'Working Together' commitments at the outset, however, partners are expected to identify specific actions that they can take within an agreed time frame to move towards full implementation.
- 3.7. 'Working Together' is a voluntary agreement rather than a legal document; its strength and value rely on shared commitment to its contents by all its signatories.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A mutually supportive relationship with the third sector is essential to enable the delivery of the LOIP priority of empowered and connected communities.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications deriving directly from this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 A mutually supportive relationship with the third sector is essential to enable the delivery of the LOIP priority of empowered and connected communities.

- 5.2 'Working Together' provides the framework to facilitate such a relationship by providing a focused replacement for earlier versions of the framework, which were referred to as 'the Moray Compact'.
- 5.3 It has been endorsed by the Community Engagement Group and should be adopted and promoted by the Board as set out in the recommendations.

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Background Papers: Working Together