

# MORAY COUNCIL

## Minute of Meeting of the Community Planning Board

Thursday, 29 February 2024

Meeting room, Elgin Fire Station,

### **PRESENT**

Mr Roddy Burns, Mr Adam Coldwells, Councillor Amber Dunbar, Councillor Juli Harris, Mr David Hendry, Councillor Sandy Keith, Councillor Graham Leadbitter, Councillor Kathleen Robertson, Mrs Susan Webb

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Fiona Robb (HIE) attended on behalf of David Reid.  
Superintendent Graham Smith (Police Scotland) attended on behalf of Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie.

### **APOLOGIES**

Mr Andrew Anderson, Mr George Burgess, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Mr Murray Ferguson, Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie, Mr Grant Moir, Councillor Bridget Mustard, Mr David Reid, Mr Anthony Standing, Ms Caroline Webster

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

The Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance); Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development); Head of Governance, Strategy and Performance; GIRFEC and Promise Lead Officer; Independent Chair of the Child Protection Committee; Moray Growth Deal Programme Manager; Sport and Culture Service Manager; Lindsey Robinson, Committee Services Officer.

## **1. Chair**

Mr Adam Coldwells, as Chair of the Community Planning Board, chaired the meeting.

## **2. Resolution**

The meeting resolved that in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1073, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for item 11 of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraphs of part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Paragraph Number of the Minute	Paragraph Number of Schedule 7a and Reason
11	6 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person(s)

### **3. Minute of meeting held 8 November 2023**

The minute of the meeting of 8 November 2023 was submitted and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **4. Joint Inspection Of Services For Children And Young People At Risk Of Harm In Moray**

The meeting had before it a report by the Head of Service/Chief Social Worker providing the Board with an overview of the findings from the joint inspection of Children's Services by the Care Inspectorate report that was published on 23 January 2024.

During consideration Councillor Robertson sought clarification on the timescales in recommendation 2.1 (ii).

In response the Independent Chair of the Child Protection Committee advised that it would be circulated to the Chief Officers Group on 1 March 2024, and it would be submitted to the Care Inspectorate by 5 March 2024.

Councillor Leadbitter sought clarification as to whether there was an agreed frequency of reporting back to the Community Planning Board.

In response the Chief Executive advised that he was Chair of the Chief Officer Group and that a frequency would be agreed and fed back to the Board.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed:

- i. to note the overview of the findings from the joint inspection of Children's Services by the Care Inspectorate; and
- ii. to note the Children's Services Partnership are developing an improvement plan in respect of the findings.

### **5. Moray Growth Deal Full Business Case - Manufacturing Innovation Centre for Moray**

The meeting had before it a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) asking the Board to consider and approve the full business case associated with the Manufacturing Innovation Centre for Moray (MICM) project.

During consideration Councillor Robertson offered her congratulations to the team on their hard work.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed:

- i. to approve the Full Business Case (FBC) in Appendix 1; and

- ii. to delegate authority to the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) to make any final changes as required following completion of the Government review process, with a view to agreeing final version of the FBC to progress implementation.

## **6. Budget Update**

The Chief Executive Moray Council provided a verbal update on the budget agreed by full council on 28 February 2024. He advised that there was a drive to look for savings across partners and the community.

Councillor Robertson, as Council Leader, gave thanks to the elected members for the cross party agreement.

The Chair gave a brief overview of the NHS finances and that the budget would be agreed at the start of April as it will be with the Government in March.

Superintendent Smith advised that Police Scotland were facing similar budget pressures but a positive is that recruitment has restarted, and these new officers will start to be seen during the summer. He stated that although budgets were tight there will be no impact on the service delivery in Moray.

Group Commander Hendry advised that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were currently undertaking a strategic review to see where savings can be made, and that engagement will be with the local authority and partners.

Councillor Keith sought clarification on whether there was capacity to work across partners above the day to day.

In response the Chief Executive advised that the investment in workforce planning agreed in the budget would allow for this.

There was agreement that the agenda showed good partnership working with a lot of trust and confidence between partners.

## **7. Systems Based Approach to Physical Activity in Moray**

The meeting had before it a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) providing the Board with information on a Systems Based Approach model for physical activity in Moray and requesting partnership support for this approach from the Board.

During consideration Mrs Webb sought clarification as to whether the steering group could be widened to look at tackling obesity and healthy eating.

In response the Sport and Culture Services Manager advised that it could be included but that they would need help from the Board to identify the key individuals who can help make the decisions.

The Chair advised that if there were specific asks that these could be added to the recommendations for agreement.

Councillor Leadbitter further added that 3 political parties were represented on the Board, and they have access to raise the issues with the national parties.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed:

- i. to recognise the centrality, importance and contribution that physical activity provides towards the achievement of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Community Planning priorities;
- ii. to note the initial discussion undertaken with partner organisations in preparation for the approach in Moray;
- iii. to endorse and agree to support work required to deliver this approach in Moray;
- iv. to receive 6 monthly updates on progress and to champion and challenge this work accordingly;
- v. to help overcome barriers that the steering group are unable to overcome;
- vi. to use external influence to national partners where required; and
- vii. to support in the identification of a steering group comprising of Senior Officers to drive this approach forward.

## **8. Health and Transport Partnership Annual Report 2022-2023**

The meeting had before it a report by the Health and Transport Action Plan Programme (HTAP) Manager updating the Board members regarding the review of the HTAP and seeking approval of the HTAP Annual Report 2022-23.

During consideration Councillor Dunbar sought clarification as to why NESTRANS was included but HITRANS was not.

In response Mrs Webb advised that she has been asked to be the Chair of this group and will ensure HITRANS is included in any future reports.

Following consideration, the Board unanimously agreed to note the contents of the report and the HTAP Annual Report 2022-23.

## **9. Behaviour in Moray Schools**

The meeting had before it a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) advising the Board of escalating behaviours in schools and actions to support staff, pupils and the wider school community as well as ongoing work with partners.

During consideration the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) advised the Board that the updated report had not been included with the meeting papers but would be circulated afterwards. She further advised that there was an additional recommendation for the Board to consider the request from the Council Education Children's and Leisure Services

Committee to progress this work quickly and for another report to come to the Board in May to include the actions to be taken to address the issues and barriers raised in the report.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed:

- i. to acknowledge National work ongoing around increased disruptive behaviour across schools and society;
- ii. to acknowledge and endorse the local approach as set out in Appendix 1;
- iii. that this work will be led in a multi-agency approach with a short, medium to long term action plan; and
- iv. to the request from the Council Education Children's and Leisure Services Committee to progress this work with urgency and require a further report to the CPB in May to include actions to address the issues and barriers in relation to the cross cutting points raised in the report.

## **10. AOCB**

The Board noted that there were no additional points raised.

## **11. Moray Growth Deal Full Business Cases - Business Enterprise Hub and Housing Mix Delivery [Para 6, 8 & 9]**

The meeting had before it a report by the depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) asking the Board to consider and approve the full business cases associated with the Business Enterprise Hub and Housing Mix Delivery projects.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed:

- i. to approve the Full Business Cases in appendices 1 and 2; and
- ii. to delegate authority to the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) to make any final changes as required following completion of the Government review process, with a view to agreeing final versions of the FBCs to progress to implementation.