

**ELGIN SOUTH AREA FORUM UPDATE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Joint Outcomes Group 26/3/14**

Main Points from the Meeting

- As only a few members were able to attend this meeting (which had to be re-arranged) it was decided to have an informal discussion around several aspects of the Joint Outcomes agenda. This proved stimulating and thought provoking.
- Some of the discussion centred around Self-directed Support which comes into force on April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. This gives users much more direct control over which services are provided. Health and Social Care departments have to work together and both need to provide funding. It was thought that this collaboration could perhaps provide an insight into how a joint budget might work before budgets are officially merged from April 2015.
- A Chief Officer for the joint board should be appointed very soon.
- There was continued discussion on how best to provide joint training. It was decided that a sub-group would meet to build on work previously done on training needs.
- A bid for Scottish Government funding to support the integration process has been made. This is short term funding for May-March and the outcome should be imminent.
- Finally there was discussion on Locality Planning which is an integral part of the project. This would look at wider health and wellbeing issues including health inequalities. Several suggested ways of defining 'locality' in a Moray context were discussed.

*Aileen Marshall*

**Older People's Reference Group 9/4/14**

Main Points from the Meeting

- No news as yet from the Care commission regarding the recent inspection.
- The content of the planned Newsletter was discussed – covering issues of interest to Older People.
- We looked at the 8 pillar model of Dementia. Moray has been given funding to be a Test Site for this model. It covers areas such as support for carers, mental health care, therapeutic interventions etc
- We also looked at the Dignity and Respect agenda and the possible use of the Older Person's Outcomes Star.
- Finally we discussed possible venues for our annual event. The Town Hall closure is causing some difficulty in this regard.

*Aileen Marshall*

**Joint Outcomes Group 11/4/14**

Main Points from the Meeting

- Transitional Funding Application. It was unlikely that we would get everything asked for. One of the priorities was the appointment of a training officer.
- The recent Care Commission inspection report was now with those involved. It is likely to be published within weeks.
- There was further discussion on Self Directed Support and how it might work. It should become easier once a joint budget is in place.
- There was further discussion on Locality Planning and what it would cover.
- There followed a wide ranging discussion on the culture change that is required as the focus changes from outputs to outcomes.

*Aileen Marshall*

## **Sustainable Education Review Community Briefing 23/4/14**

### Main Points from the Meeting

- This briefing was for parent and community reps for all the Elgin Schools. As the secondary situation in Elgin is settled for the foreseeable future it concentrated mainly on the primary schools.
- It was repeatedly stressed that there are no fixed proposals at the moment and no decisions have been made. The focus is on educational benefit. At this stage costs don't come into the equation. The advisers (Caledonian Economics) explained that the process Moray was going through was well in excess of legal requirements, involving input from all school staff and pupils as well as community groups.
- The final advisers' report will be issued in August and considered by councillors in October. Only after this point will any proposals be taken forward to full statutory consultation.
- The results of the online survey re Elgin schools were discussed. Although the numbers were of interest the comments were considered more important. Zoning in Elgin is a complex interweave of placements but it is incumbent upon the authority that there is a place for every in-zone pupil in each school
- The two rezoning proposals for Elgin South ie NE boundary moves from the railway line to the A96 and the Greenwards boundary moves from Glen Moray Drive/Sandy Road to New Elgin Road/Main Street did not appear to be controversial, the zoning was largely catching up with what is already happening on the ground. It was emphasised that any change would apply to P1 intake only.
- The proposal to build one large school to replace both (and possibly Mosstowie) has been pretty much dropped. This was after discussion with Planning regarding the developer contribution system which will be more vigorously applied than hitherto. There is a working ratio of .3 pupils per new house. If this cannot be accommodated in existing schools then the developer will be obliged to contribute to extra places (school extension) or new build.
- There were no definite plans re Mosstowie as the pupils cannot be accommodated in the other Elgin South schools at present.
- I was able to ask if any proposals would be prioritised so that the most urgent situations, eg New Elgin, would be dealt with first. I was assured this was the case.

*Aileen Marshall*