

Moray's Sustainability and Communities Partnership (DRAFT)

1. Aim

The aim of the Sustainability and Communities Partnership (SCP) is to set and oversee the strategic direction for sustainability on behalf of the Community Planning Board (CPB)

2. Specific Responsibilities

The issues encompassed within a remit for sustainability are many and varied and as a result, if the partnership is to make an impact in this area, some prioritisation of objectives is necessary. In addition, it is recognised that certain areas of importance to the CPB but which do not readily sit within the remits of the four other partnerships may be referred to the SCP to progress. In recognition of this, the SCP has set out its responsibilities in three tiers:

Primary – the areas of high priority for the partnership

Secondary – the areas of medium priority for the partnership, to be actioned if high priority areas are otherwise being adequately addressed

Tertiary – the areas within the remit of the SCP but afforded low priority due to other pressures. This may include areas assigned to the SCP under a watching brief as they do not readily sit under any other partnership.

The priority assigned to issues will be kept under review.

Primary

- i. **Energy** – promoting zero carbon technology, improvements to green infrastructure, carbon reduction through reduced energy consumption, sustainable travel and construction. Operational coordination will be provided through the Energy Group, Community Transport Forum and Health Transport Action Plan Strategic Group.
- ii. **Fuel Poverty** - Seeking to reduce fuel poverty across all tenures through energy efficiency measures which include property insulation/heating upgrades and energy advice.
- iii. **Waste** – reducing waste generation, promoting recycling and re-use of waste
- iv. **Housing** - promoting the supply of high quality affordable housing. Operational coordination will be provided through the Housing Strategy and Homelessness Groups
- v. **Flood Risk Management** – focusing on where flood impacts are greatest and where the benefits of joint action can be maximised

Secondary

- i. **Biodiversity** – secondary except in so far as this is progressed through the energy priority, the Local Development Plan and relevant Planning Regulations. This is also an area addressed through the work of the Forestry Commission whose objectives include restoring around 85% of areas on ancient woodland sites to largely native species; increasing broadleaf cover from 8% to around 20%; maintaining the best open habitats in good ecological condition, taking specific conservation action for particularly

vulnerable species for which the National Forest Estate is important and dealing with invasive plants and animals that threaten habitats and biodiversity.

- ii. **Climate Change** – secondary except in so far as this is progressed through the energy priority. This is also an area addressed through the work of the Forestry Commission whose objectives include exploring how best to steward the carbon resources locked in the Estate's trees and soils and helping the Estate adapt to climate change.
- iii. **Coastal and Marine** - secondary except for maintaining an overview of national developments relating to the marine environment such as the National Marine Plan and the Scottish Marine Protected Areas Project being progressed by SNH.

Tertiary

- i. **Local Food Networks** – this aspect of the remit will be influenced by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill 2014 and the statutory guidance issued as supplementary to this, including guidance on food growing strategies.

3. Membership Roles and Responsibilities

The Moray Council

- Chair
- Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure Services)(Lead Officer) or designate
- Councillor Margo Howe
- Administration Group Member(TBC)

Representing overall Council policy, providing an overview of all relevant services and resources and ensuring appropriate links across environmental services.

CIFAL

- Executive Director, Findhorn

CIFAL Scotland is part of UNITAR's network of International Training Centres, dedicated to provide innovative training to strengthen the capacities of government and civil society leaders to advance sustainable development

UHI

- Principal

Representing further education in Moray and what this can contribute to the partnership aims

Integrated Joint Board

- Chief Officer or substitute

Representing adult health and social care in Moray and what this area can contribute to the partnership aims

Voluntary Sector

- TSI representative or substitute

Representing what the third sector can contribute towards the partnership aims

Forestry Commission

- Forest District Manager Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest District

Representing the contribution which forestry can make to sustainability

SNH

- Tayside and Grampian, Operations Manager

Representing the contribution which natural heritage can make to sustainability in Moray

Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations

- Convener

Representing the contribution which our communities can make to the partnership aims

Moray Housing Partnership (as representative of RSLs in Moray)

- Housing Services Director

Representing the contribution which registered social landlords can make to the housing and sustainability aims of the partnership

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