

The Highland Council

Single Outcome Agreement Strategy Group

Minutes of Meeting of the Single Outcome Agreement Strategy Group held in Committee Room 1, Council Headquarters, Inverness on Thursday, 14 May 2009 at 10.30am.

Present

Dr D Alston
Mr T Prag
Mr R Rowantree
Mr W MacKay
Mr B Fernie

Mrs I McCallum
Mr D Fallows
Mr B Gormley
Mr R Balfour

In Attendance:

Mr A B Dodds, Chief Executive
Ms C McDiarmid, Head of Policy and Performance
Ms Evelyn Johnston, Strategic Performance & Business Intelligence Manager
Miss J MacLennan, Democratic Services Manager

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Dr M E M Foxley, Mrs H Carmichael, Mr A Rhind, Mrs M Davidson, Mr G Farlow and Mr J Gray.

2. Appointment of Chairman

It was unanimously **AGREED** that Dr D Alston should be appointed as Chairman of the Strategy Group.

3. Single Outcome Agreement

There had been tabled at the meeting Proposed Changes to the draft Highland Single Outcome Agreement following discussion at the full Council meeting on 7 May 2009 and in light of comments received from partners.

Following a summary of the document, the Strategy Group **AGREED** the proposed changes as tabled, including additional minor changes suggested by Members at the meeting.

In congratulating the Head of Policy and Performance and her team on the work undertaken to date, it was **NOTED** that work would now progress on the next Single Outcome Agreement (SOA3) with widespread consultation to be undertaken over the following 12 month period as part of a developing process which would convey the strategic leadership which was in place across the Highlands.

In addition, it was confirmed that 7 out of the 15 prioritised indicators were to be the subject of intensive review by the Council and its partners during June 2009 which would ensure better communication of the information contained within the Single Outcome Agreement.

A Briefing on Community Planning was also to be arranged for Members of the Council in due course.

The meeting ended at 11.00am.