

2.1	Waste Management Update	<p>Colin Bell, Environmental Protection Manager gave an update on waste management, the following were the main points in regard to the new charge for garden waste –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The garden waste collection service is currently free, but in the present financial climate Moray Council, like all local authorities, have to make tough decisions about where to make savings and how to generate income. There is no legal requirement to collect garden waste, so in December 2018 it was agreed to introduce a charge for this service. • From 1 April 2019, householders will need to have a permit displayed on their brown bin in order for their garden waste to be collected, there will be an annual charge of £36 for this permit (this fee was arrived at by taking an average of the national fee). Letters are being sent to all householders to inform them of this change. • Householders need to apply and pay for a garden waste collection permit by 28 February 2019, either online on the Council website or by phone to guarantee delivery before the chargeable service comes into effect on 1 April 2019. If there is more than one brown bin at a property a permit is required for each bin, the permit also stays with the property and not the householder. • If an application is received after 28 February 2019, the permit will not be received by 1 April 2019, the permit will not be posted until after 1 April 2019 so it may mean missing out on collection(s). Applications received after 1 April 2019 may take up to 10 working days to process and applicants will receive their permit after this. • Garden waste will only be collected if it is placed in the brown bin, and the bin displays a valid permit. If you use your brown bin just for food waste, this service will still be free from 1 April 2019. • If householders have not bought a permit, they can compost their garden waste at home, or take it to 	
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		<p>their nearest recycling centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The other bin collection services are not changing. • Colin advised that the Council are looking at a projected annual income of £700,000 although there will be the cost of producing the actual permits and staff working on a short term contract to cover the administration of the permits would need taken into account. <p>It was agreed that Colin will come back to this meeting in approximately 6 months time to give an update.</p>	
2.2	(a) Quarterly Performance Reports on Engagement Activity	<p>(i) <u>IJB/Leancoil (Laura)</u></p> <p>The activity template report for NHS had been circulated to the Group which Laura hoped was self explanatory, the information had been taken from consultation document.</p> <p>Only one piece of feedback was that it would need a date on it to be able to know which quarter it related to.</p> <p>Laura advised that there had been no more meetings with regard to Leancoil since November 2018.</p> <p>Laura is to find out about the grant funding and if it is worth spending money on a feasibility study and the possibility of a CAT</p>	
		<p>(ii) <u>tsiMoray 3rd Sector Forum (Fabio)</u></p> <p>The activity template report for tsiMoray had been circulated to the Group.</p> <p>It was noted that the information in the report seemed to be out of date, it was noted that it looked like the information used had been from last year annual return.</p> <p>It was agreed to go back to Fabio and ask for a more current and less formal report.</p>	

		Fiona thanked Laura and Fabio for their reports.	
		<p>(iii) <u>Others</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Kerry would look at preparing a quarterly report for Police Scotland, she was not sure how much information was at a local level but she would check. Jacqui is to send the activity report template to Kerry.</p>	
	(b) Consultations and the national standard of community engagement	<p>Alastair advised that the next JCC meeting is scheduled for 14 February 2019 and that the issue of the length of time given for consultations is likely to come up.</p> <p>It was agreed that community groups did not meet weekly, for example some only meet monthly or every couple of months which makes it very difficult to give a robust response and to give the consultation justice. The JCC have asked that consultations be no less than 6 weeks in order to enable full consideration and response.</p> <p>He wondered that if at Community Planning partner level a better practice could be looked at for the future.</p>	
	(c) Budget	<p>Bridget advised that there is a Full Council meeting on 23 January to consider reductions in the Council's budget, there is not going to be a consultation period on the proposals due to the tight timescale before the final budget setting meeting on 27 February 2019 which it is noted will not be popular with the public.</p> <p>Councillor Alexander advised that the following points also contributed to the difficulty in reaching a balanced budget –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a new system for calculating the allocation of funding at Scottish Government, meaning that some authorities had to give up more to bring other authorities up to an acceptable level. • Budgets being ringfenced <p>It was agreed to ask Kathy Ross to come and speak to CEG at next meeting on 26 March on Action Plan</p>	

		on tackling poverty.	
	(d) Action Plan	<p>It was agreed the Action Plan is to be a standing item on the agenda.</p> <p>For the next meeting on 26 March 2019 Bridget will do any updates to the Plan and will highlight actions as red, amber or green and mark whether complete or outstanding.</p>	
	LOIP and Locality Planning Update	Please see update note from Ian Todd here .	
4.1	Development Sessions	<p>It was noted that a Development session had now been scheduled for Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 1.30 pm in the Main Inkwel Room, Elgin Youth Café. The topics for discussion are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOIP review • Community Asset Transfer (CATs) <p>Ian is to arrange for representation from the seven recent CAT town hall members to do a short 5 to 10 minute presentation each on how they feel about their experience of going through the CAT process and also, what they did in relation to getting the support from their local community e.g. consultation/engagement methods.</p>	
5.1.	AOCB	<p>Alastair advised that there had been a Moray for Money training session in Dundee in conjunction with Church of Scotland with regard to PB and how to support Moray Churches through PB exercises.</p> <p>Ian advised that the HMI Inspectors will be back up on w/b 11 March for a follow up CLD inspection.</p>	
	Next Meeting Dates	<p>The next CEG meeting is to be held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 1.30 pm in Main Inkwel Room, Elgin Youth Café.</p> <p><u>Proposed Future Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Performance Reports on Engagement Activity 	

		<p>(i) tsiMoray 3rd Sector Forum (Fabio) – updated version</p> <p>(ii) Police Scotland (Kerry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget• LOIP Priorities• Action Plan• Moray Compact (Fabio)• Kathy Ross – Action Plan tackling poverty• Children and Families Services Plan• Update from JCC (Alastair)	
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