

## THE ABERDEEN CITY ALLIANCE

### MINUTE OF MEETING OF 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2009

#### In attendance:-

Lavina Massie, Chairperson  
Councillors McDonald, Noble and Penny, Aberdeen City Council  
Councillor Leslie, Chair of Children and Young People's Strategic Planning Group (C&YPSPG)  
Councillor Malone, Chair of Locality Planning Forum (from Item 6 onwards)  
Councillor Bill Howatson, Chair of Community Health Partnership  
Dave Valentine, Chair of Community Engagement  
Sandy Murray, Chair of Homes Forum  
Arthur Forbes, Andy Finlayson and Ross Grant (substituting for Allan McIntosh), Civic Forum  
David Rout, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service  
Adrian Watson, Grampian Police  
Kirsty Morrison (substituting for Derick Murray), NESTRANS  
Heather Kelman, NHS Grampian  
Kath Beveridge (substituting for Sue Bruce), Aberdeen City Council  
Ian Paterson, Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations (ACVO)  
Godfrey Brown (substituting for Shaunagh Kirby), University of Aberdeen

#### Also present:-

Sarah Dickinson, Civic Forum  
Abdul Latif, Aberdeen Mosque  
David Rodger, Stewart Carruth, Pete Leonard, Leslie Brown, Allison Swanson and Lynsey Davidson,  
Aberdeen City Council

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1. Apologies	Apologies were intimated on behalf of Duncan Cockburn, Maggie McGinlay, Councillor Donnelly, Councillor John Stewart, Gerry Donald, David Henderson, Allan McIntosh, and Andy Coueslant.	
2. Welcome	Chief Fire Officer David Dalziel welcomed the Alliance to the meeting which was being held at the Grampian Fire and Rescue Service headquarters for the first time and presented the Chairperson with a small gift.	
3. Minute of TACA of 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2009	Minute approved.	

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4. Minute of Meetings of the Executive Group of 22 <sup>nd</sup> October and 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Minutes noted.	
5. Appointment of Vice-Chairperson	<p>With reference to article 5 of the minute of the meeting of the Alliance of 1 October 2009, when two formal nominations for Vice-Chairperson had been received, and it was agreed that the appointment of the Vice-Chairperson be deferred to this meeting to enable Chief Superintendent Donald to formally intimate his contentment at being nominated, the Alliance heard from the Chair who provided an update regarding the current position with nominations for the position. The Alliance also had before it a paper which outlined the voting procedure for appointing the new vice-chairperson of the Alliance.</p> <p>The Chair advised that since the last meeting of the Alliance, Chief Superintendent Donald had been seconded to the position of Assistant Chief Constable; for this period would no longer be the Grampian Police's representative on the Alliance and therefore he could not accept the nomination. The nomination by Councillor Noble of Councillor McDonald remained. Also, since the last meeting Ian Paterson, ACVO, seconded by Adrian Watson, Grampian Police, had formally nominated, in writing, Heather Kelman, NHS Grampian.</p> <p>There being two formal nominations, the Clerk outlined the voting procedure for making appointments and advised that each civic forum member, each elected member, all participating partners and all Challenge Forum and Network chairpersons were entitled to one vote. Individuals who were present in more than one capacity, could only vote in one capacity.</p> <p>On a division, there voted for:-</p> <p><u>Councillor McDonald</u>:- (7) Councillors Noble, Penny and McDonald, Kath Beveridge (Aberdeen City Council), Godfrey Brown (Aberdeen University), Kirsty Morrison (NESTRANS), and Councillor Leslie (Chair of C&amp;YPSPG)</p> <p><u>Heather Kelman</u>:- (10) Lavina Massie (Chairperson), Ian Paterson (ACVO), Ross</p>	

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	<p>Grant (Civic Forum), Andy Finlayson (Civic Forum), Arthur Forbes (Civic Forum), Adrian Watson (Grampian Police), Heather Kelman (NHS Grampian), Dave Valentine (Community Engagement Forum), Councillor Bill Howatson (Community Health Partnership) and Sandy Murray (Homes Forum).</p> <p><u>Absent from the division</u>:- (1) Dave Rout (Grampian Fire and Rescue Service)</p> <p><b><u>The Alliance resolved</u></b>:- to appoint Heather Kelman as the Vice-Chairperson.</p>	
6. Chairperson Progress Report	<p>The Alliance had before it a progress report submitted by the Chairperson which updated the Alliance on the current position with, and actions being taken by the Executive Group regarding a number of items of business.</p> <p>The report advised that in accordance with the article 6 (Future of the Alliance) resolution (iii), a draft set of standing orders for the Alliance had been prepared and would be considered, in the first instance, by the Executive Group and thereafter would be submitted to the Alliance.</p> <p>With regards identifying priorities for the Alliance, it was advised that extensive discussion on the future priorities and operation of the Alliance had been held within the Executive Group and to date the Executive Group had agreed the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that a more focused approach to priorities would be beneficial to all in achieving the desired results and reducing duplication;</li> <li>• that the identified priorities should be clearly aligned to the national aims of Smarter, Greener, Safer and Stronger, Wealthier and Fairer, and Healthier;</li> <li>• to emphasise the importance of partners and Challenge Forums working together and taking ownership and responsibility for progressing the Alliance's priorities; with overall governance of the priorities being held by the Alliance;</li> <li>• that if partners or Challenge Forums were experiencing difficulties in progressing actions they should report this to the Alliance asap;</li> <li>• that the Alliance would establish a set of improving outcomes whereby the overall outcomes for each theme would remain the same but the actions underneath would evolve and change as the previous actions had been</li> </ul>	

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	<p>completed; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to highlight the importance of partners and Challenge Forums being aware of their role in meeting the priorities and what the Alliance expected of them.</li> </ul> <p>In line with this the Executive Group had agreed that the next five Alliance meetings (starting with today's meeting) would be themed to focus on the five main overarching themes. This would stimulate collaboration and joint working around specific priorities. The meeting dates for each of the themes was as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthier – 25 November 2009</li> <li>• Smarter – 20 January 2010</li> <li>• Safer and Stronger – 18 March 2010</li> <li>• Wealthier and Fairer – 13 May 2010</li> <li>• Greener – 24 June 2010</li> </ul> <p>Finally, the report advised that the Council's Finance and Resource Committee at its meeting on 12 November 2009, had considered a report on the future provision, disbursement and management of the Fairer Scotland Fund in the 2010/2011 budget and had agreed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that the level of funding allocation from the identified £2.843 million in the 2010/11 Revenue Support Grant to TACA's Fairer Scotland Fund Board as part of the budget setting process;</li> <li>(b) to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Governance to ensure the fair and effective governance of the disbursement of the funds allocated to TACA's Fairer Scotland Fund Board, and to act as the Council's advisor to the Board;</li> <li>(c) to instruct the Director of Corporate Governance to provide twice yearly updates to TACA and the Corporate Performance and Policy Committee on the outcomes achieved through the investment of the Fairer Scotland Fund in February and October;</li> <li>(d) to instruct that a report be brought back to the Finance and Resources Committee in February regarding the arrangements for the Fairer Scotland Fund staff team; and</li> <li>(e) to note that TACA were awaiting an update on thematic spend, and to request a report be brought back further to this.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>The Alliance resolved:-</u></b> to note the information provided.</p>	

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7. Public Safety in the City Centre	<p>With reference to article 9 of the minute of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008, the Alliance had before it a report prepared by Leslie Brown, Community Safety Strategist on behalf of/in consultation with the Community Safety Partnership, which outlined the work currently being, or planned to be undertaken by Community Safety Partnership; identified further actions that could be pursued; and updated the Alliance on progress made to date.</p> <p>By way of background, the report reminded partners that the Alliance had previously considered a report on Alcohol Related Disorder in the city centre which had contained 25 recommendations, and had that the Community Safety Partnership prioritise the recommendations and work with partners on developing a costed action plan. In line with this a partnership action plan on tackling alcohol related issues in the city centre was developed and was appended to the report.</p> <p>The report provided an overview of the context of the Aberdeen city centre in comparison with other city centres wherein it was explained that Aberdeen City Centre was no different from city centre areas elsewhere, however compared to cities like Glasgow and Edinburgh, Aberdeen city centre was classed as one Police beat code. It was also advised that it was only through a national cultural change towards alcohol that most of the concerns could be addressed in the long term. In addition it must also be remembered that most people enjoying the city centre at night do not cause problems.</p> <p>The report also advised that the wider issues around alcohol consumption were to be explored and addressed through the Scottish Alcohol Strategy and the local Alcohol Strategy and associated action plan being launched by Aberdeen City Alcohol and Drugs Partnership at a conference on 14 December 2009.</p> <p><b>The report recommended:-</b> that the Alliance –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) consider and endorse the wide ranging ongoing activity by key partners in tackling alcohol related problems in the city centre contained in the report</li> <li>(b) acknowledge the need for a wider national cultural change in the relationship with alcohol, to be addressed locally by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Alcohol Strategy; and</li> <li>(c) consider whether partners wish feedback from relevant agencies on licensing</li> </ul>	

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	<p>issues, scope to encourage a more diverse range of entertainment venues in the city centre and progress on plans for pedestrianisation.</p> <p>There followed extensive discussion by partners, in the course of which the following matters were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the role of the license trade in fulfilling their license requirements;</li> <li>• the positive impact of city centre initiatives such as the street pastor and transport marshals;</li> <li>• the negative press headlines and the impact of this on the public's perception of the city centre;</li> <li>• the reduction of serious assaults recorded from 217 in 2007 to 35 in 2008; and</li> <li>• police presence in the city centre at nights and over the weekend period.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>The Alliance resolved:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to approve the recommendations (a) and (b) contained in the report, and that the report be referred to the Executive Group to consider recommendation (c);</li> <li>(ii) that the Executive Group consider and identify positive ways to move forward in relation to alcohol related disorder in the city centre,</li> <li>(iii) that the Executive Group explore ways of improving the public's perception of the city centre, and in particular look at ways of improving media coverage of this matter; and</li> <li>(iv) to thank partners for their contributions.</li> </ul>	Executive Group
8. Healthier Themed Workshop	<p>The Alliance had before it a health information pack which had been prepared by Heather Kelman, NHS Grampian, in partnership with the Community Health Partnership and the Alcohol and Drug Partnership. The information pack included:- the Aberdeen City Community Health Partnership (CHP) Health and Wellbeing Profiles 2008, Traffic Lights for Aberdeen City CHP Intermediate Zones, information on substance misuse in the area, and NHS Grampian's consultation document on its Proposed Key Priorities for the next three years.</p> <p>Heather Kelman provided an introduction to the workshop session wherein she</p>	

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	<p>advised that the session was important for partners to discuss potential future priorities for the Alliance under the 'Healthier' theme and for partners and Challenge Forums to identify areas under this theme to which they could contribute.</p> <p>The workshop focused on the Traffic Lights for Aberdeen City CHP Intermediate Zones, in particular the performance of Aberdeen city as a whole in comparison with Scotland as a whole, and also the indicators for each neighbourhood in the city, wherein Heather Kelman advised that Aberdeen CHP in comparison with Scotland as had overall a good health plan. It also advised that when comparing with the Scottish average partners should bear in mind that the Scottish average for health indicators was at the lower end of the European average.</p> <p>The Alliance discussed extensively health indicators where the city had performed under average and also those which were above average in comparison with Scotland as a whole. In particular, discussion focused on the vast differences in health indicators by Aberdeen Intermediate Zones (i.e. electoral wards) and emphasised the importance of the imbalances in indicators by zones being addressed.</p> <p>In terms of the statistics, it was agreed that it would be helpful to have a document that included analysis by area collated by all public bodies; this would provide a clear picture of the issues facing communities in Aberdeen, and would assist the Alliance in focussing priorities to address the imbalances that existed. In response, Heather Kelman advised that work was ongoing to extend the traffic lights to include non health related statistics but that partners would need to work together to fully populate this document.</p> <p>During the course of the workshop, the Alliance also discussed the impact the current and future economic climate would have on the health of the city, and the change in the delivery of health care that was required for the NHS to meet the financial challenges that it faced. The Alliance highlighted that it was a difficult time but also an opportunity for the city, and emphasised the importance of individuals, businesses and neighbourhoods all taking a proactive role in promoting and making positive lifestyle choices. In addition, partners looked at ways in which other factors would impact on the future delivery of health in the community, in particular focusing on the importance of housing provision and adaptation etc.</p>	

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	<p>Thereafter, the Alliance received a presentation from Heather Kelman outlining NHS Grampian's proposed key priorities for the next three years wherein she advised of the purpose of the NHS and the Grampian Health Plan, and provided a detailed overview of the current and forecast operation and resources of the NHS. It was highlighted that it was forecast that by 2024 the number of births and the population of 0-15 and 16-65 years would decrease by 19%, 7% and 7% respectively, whilst the population of 66+ years would increase by 36%. This forecast position would have serious financial and resource implications for the NHS, and therefore it was essential that current health care provision was realigned. A number of other challenges faced the NHS, and these were outlined in the presentation.</p> <p>With regards the health plan, it was advised that the plan would be an important document in assisting the NHS to:- plan how it would continue to improve health in Grampian; and better manage the challenges and to communicate priorities for improving health to patients, carers, the public, staff and partners.</p> <p>The proposed priorities for NHS Grampian were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving health and reducing health inequalities;</li> <li>• Involving patients, carers, the public, staff and priorities towards mutuality;</li> <li>• Delivering safe, effective, and timely care in the right place;</li> <li>• Developing the workplace and empowering staff; and</li> <li>• Getting the best from its resources.</li> </ul> <p>A detailed overview of each of the priorities was provided.</p> <p><b>The Alliance resolved:-</b></p> <p>(i) to request Heather Kelman to provide further information on the statistics for immunisation to a future meeting of the Alliance;</p> <p>(ii) to request all partners and Challenge Forums to examine the health delivery outcomes contained within the Single Outcome Agreement; identify areas where they could contribute to the delivery of these, and to contact Heather Kelman, NHS Grampian directly with this information;</p> <p>(iii) to request all partners and Challenge Forums to submit any comments on NHS Grampian's proposed priorities for the next three years on the feedback form enclosed in the information pack, or directly to Heather</p>	<p>Heather Kelman</p> <p>All partners/Challenge Forums</p> <p>All partners/Challenge Forums</p>



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	<p>Kelman; and (iv) to thank Heather Kelman for creation of the informative information pack and for facilitation of the workshop session.</p>	
<p>9. Update on Progress and Development of the Aberdeen City Voice</p>	<p>The Alliance had before it for information, a report which advised of the work that had been undertaken with the Aberdeen City Voice since August 2008, and also sought to encourage the continued involvement of all organisations involved.</p> <p>The report advised that the Aberdeen City Voice was an established and well-regarded consultation tool and allowed Community Planning Partners to ask a panel of residents for their views, attitudes, preferences and behaviours, and the information received has been used as invaluable data that has helped to shape policy, improve service provision, measure performance and apply for funding.</p> <p><b><u>The Alliance resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the work that had been achieved on the Aberdeen City Voice since August 2008;</p> <p>(ii) to encourage all partners and Challenge Forums to continue an active role in the Aberdeen City Voice; and</p> <p>(iii) to note the work planned for the forthcoming year.</p>	<p>All partners/Challenge Forums</p>
<p>10. Progress of Business Statement</p>	<p>The Alliance had before it the latest version of the progress of business statement, which tracked the latest position with a number of pending and outstanding items of business.</p> <p><b><u>The Alliance resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) In relation to item 4 (City Regeneration Strategy) to note that this item was overdue and to request that the report be submitted to the next meeting of the Alliance; and</p> <p>(ii) to otherwise note the statement.</p>	<p>Kath Beveridge</p>