



OCPP Steering Group

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the OCPP Steering Group
held at 2.15pm on 3rd July 2007 in the Lochan and Skerries Room, Pickaquo Centre, Kirkwall

Present:	Councillor Stephen Hagan Jenny Dewar Ken Grant Jeremy Baster Councillor James Stockan Chief Inspector Mike Cowdry Gaynor Jones Anna Whelan	Convener, Orkney Islands Council (<i>Chair</i>) Chair, NHS Orkney Chief Executive, Orkney Enterprise Chairman, Environment Partnership Chairman, Local Economic Forum Northern Constabulary Executive Director, Voluntary Action Orkney Head of Policy, OIC (<i>Secretary</i>)
Apologies:	Edgar Balfour Alistair Buchan Iain Crozier	Chairman, Orkney Enterprise Ltd Chief Executive, Orkney Islands Council Chief Executive, NHS Orkney

1. Minutes of 32nd meeting held 24th April 2007

The minutes were agreed.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Joint Working in Orkney

3.1 It was reported that confirmation had been received from the Scottish Executive that an initial grant of £580,000 had been awarded to the Joint Working in Orkney project from the Efficiency and Reform Fund. This was to cover development costs in year 1 of the project. It was noted that negotiations had commenced with regard to year 2.

3.2 The jointly developed *Public Sector Reform Programme: Draft Governance and Programme Management Approach* was tabled for discussion. It was noted that the document would be submitted for approval to the Council and the Board of NHS Orkney in September. One or two minor amendments were requested and it was agreed that Steering Group members should send any additional amendments to the Secretary after they had read the document.

Action: All

4. Revised draft Partnership Guide

4.1 The revisions made to the Partnership Guide since the last meeting were reported, notably the creation of a Partnership Liaison Group to liaise between the Steering Group and all multi-agency thematic groups. It was noted that the Communities Advisory Group would cease to exist, while the Environment Partnership and Local Economic Forum would continue to exist as thematic groups but cease to be designated advisory groups. The chairs of the Environment Partnership and Local Economic Forum would no longer sit on the Steering Group, but the new Partnership Liaison Group would elect a chair who would have a seat on

the Steering Group. It was agreed to adopt the Partnership Guide and implement the new structure it described. **Action: AFW**

5. Community Economic Development Orkney

- 5.1 Jeremy Baster introduced a plan for the rationalisation of the many groups which had sprung up around community economic development, and how they might be bedded in to the community planning structure. The proposed new group would report to the Steering Group through the Economy strand of the community plan. It was agreed to finalise the detail of the proposal, start up the new group, and report the final structure and terms of reference of the CEDO group back to the Steering Group at a future meeting. **Action: JB/KG**

6. Note of ROA Stakeholders meeting held 21 May 2007

- 6.1 It was reported that the Secretary had attended the ROA Stakeholders meeting held on 21 May 2007 in Edinburgh, at which national progress on Regeneration Outcome Agreements had been reported and discussed. It was noted that Communities Scotland had acknowledged at the meeting that regeneration was “a long game” and significant outcomes could take up to 10 years to achieve in some areas. No decision had been made by the Scottish Executive as to what funding, if any, would be available from the Community Regeneration Fund to support ROAs after March 2008, but Communities Scotland was expecting to be in a position to confirm funding after November 2007.

7. Best Value Review of Consultation

- 7.1 The meeting noted that the Council had agreed that, as proposed by the Steering Group, its Best Value review of consultation, scheduled to commence later in 2007, should be expanded to include members of Orkney Community Planning Partnership. The review would now be initiated and members of the Steering Group could expect to be contacted in due course.

8. Discussion Paper: The Future of Scotland's Islands

- 8.1 In the absence of Alistair Buchan, it was agreed to postpone discussion of this item to a later meeting. **Action: AFW**

9. Reports from the advisory groups

- 9.1 The draft minutes of the last and final meeting of the Communities Advisory Group were noted.
- 9.2 It was reported that the meeting of the Environment Partnership scheduled for 20 June had been deferred.

10. Draft ROA Annual Report for 2006-07

- 10.1 The draft report was tabled and it was agreed that the Council's Policy Unit should complete and submit the report on behalf of Orkney Community Planning Partnership. **Action: AFW**

11. Any other business

- 11.1 Iain Crozier reported that a session organised to update the chairs of community councils on the Creating Sustainable Services Programme had been a success.

12. Dates of next meetings

12.1 It was agreed that the next cycle of meetings should be organised with dates in September, November/December, February. April and June. **Action: AFW**

Anna Whelan
31 August 2007