

## **MORAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP LAND USE TOPIC GROUP**

**Summary as agreed with minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 1997.**

### **VISION STATEMENT**

To develop guidelines on land uses compatible with the environmental importance of the Moray Firth and the economics that the correct balance can bring.

### **STRATEGY**

- To achieve a mapping function compatible with other parties to determine the geographical boundaries of all interested groupings.
- Within the mapping function to build a baseline database with all relevant factual material.
- To be able to identify within the material assembled areas of concern to the Partnership.
- To be able to issue advice to others that they might produce guidelines.

### **ISSUES**

#### **External Issues**

**To be able to balance environmental, economic and demographic change (both expansion and reduction), when framing management guidelines.**

Where environmental concerns are zones vulnerable to near land use (such as Findhorn Bay, and the Beaully and Cromarty Firths).

Economic concerns are how land-based activities affect other areas within the Partnership remit such as fisheries and tourism (ie the realignment of the transport network including footpaths and coastal car parks).

Demographic change issues where sporadic development of residential, industrial or agricultural nature and major settlement changes raise issues of concern to the Partnership.

**To look at the coastal profile of the Moray Firth and to consider the dynamics with regard to coastal management priorities.**

Issues here might occur when considering the priority of village protection against coastal heathland or bird habitat.

## **Internal Issues**

(To enable Land Use issues to be dealt with effectively within the Partnership)

**To be able to clearly define (by mapping) the area of influence applicable to land use within the Partnership and to determine the intended sphere of influence regarding any management guidelines produced by the Partnership with regard to land use.**

**To be in possession of full and accurate information (including a baseline database of all current and proposed land uses and relevant information applicable to them) from other groupings to enable management guidelines to be accurately framed.**