

**The Highland Council**  
**Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee**  
**6 August 2014**

Agenda Item	<b>7</b>
Report No	<b>SRC 24/14</b>

## **Communities Panel Development**

### **Report by Head of Policy and Reform**

#### **Summary**

The report summarises the approach to developing the Council's new Communities Panel. Members are asked to note the report and suggest any other groups that should be invited to be part of the Communities Panel.

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 It was agreed at the Council meeting on 8 May 2014 that a Communities Panel would be created. This panel would exist alongside the Citizens' Panel and be available for responding to survey based consultations.
- 1.2 The intention is that the Communities Panel be comprised of representative groups across the Highlands. The approach for creating the Panel is outlined below.

#### **2. Communities Panel Approach**

- 2.1 The Communities Panel will be comprised of organisations across Highland. The following criteria are to be used when creating the Panel to ensure that the groups on the Panel are representative of Highland communities:
  - All organisations must be community based, located within Highland and be constituted groups.
  - The majority of members of the group should consist of members of that community (that could be community of interest or geography).
  - Membership of the group should be open to any member of that community.
  - Any surplus funds or assets of the group are to be applied for the benefit of that community.
- 2.2 The groups invited to participate in the Panel will be asked to nominate a contact who will receive and respond to surveys on the group's behalf. Groups will be asked to consider how best to engage their membership when compiling any response.
- 2.3 There are a range of core organisations with which the Council currently engages and the intention is to write and invite each of these groups to be part of the Communities Panel. These are:
  - Community Councils
  - Parent Councils
  - Tenant Participation groups
  - Representative equalities groups

In addition to the above, services have been contacted and requested to provide any additional nominations.

- 2.4 A further step has been to contact the Highland Third Sector Interface. They hold a database of community-based organisational contacts and will assist in distributing the invitation list to their contacts on our behalf.
- 2.5 Community Planning (CP) Partners have also been contacted for advice on groups to include. They will also be able to utilise the Communities Panel for consultation and engagement in the future.

### **3. Next Steps**

- 3.1 A draft list of groups to invite to be part of the Panel within the Skye, Ross and Cromarty area is outlined at Appendix 1. This includes groups specifically local to this area but also Highland-wide groups that cover Skye, Ross and Cromarty. Members are asked to consider the list and provide details of any additional organisations you feel should be invited to participate in the panel.
- 3.2 The first focus for the Communities Panel will be responding to the second phase of the Council's Budget Consultation. This will consist of a survey-based approach developed largely from the consultation responses to stage one and will have a focus on specific proposals. This second consultation phase will begin towards the end of September until November, to enable firm budget proposals to be considered by Members from December 2014 onwards.
- 3.3 Although the Communities Panel will be used in the first instance for consultation on the budget setting process, the Panel will provide a useful tool for ongoing consultation and engagement with communities across Highland, both on a pan-Highland but also local level for area-based consultations. It would also be available for CPP partner use and will be constructed with that in mind, i.e. data sharing/protection clarity.

### **4. Implications**

- 4.1 Resource – The Panel will be managed from within existing resources.
- 4.2 Legal – Appropriate consents in relation to data sharing will be obtained when constructing the Panel.
- 4.3 Equalities – Organisations representing equalities groups will be invited to participate in the Panel and this will contribute to the Duty on the Council to advance equality (Equality Act 2010).
- 4.4 Rural – Groups will be invited from across the Highland area to ensure representation from remote and rural communities.
- 4.5 Climate Change/Carbon Clever – Environmental groups are amongst those to be invited to participate in the Panel.
- 4.6 Risk – Care will be taken to ensure that the Panel is representative of the Highland community.

**Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

- Note the approach to developing the Communities Panel outlined at section 2.
- Consider, and if appropriate suggest, additional representative groups to be included in the draft invitation list provided at Appendix 1.

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## Communities Panel Invitation List

Appendix 1

### Groups that cover Skye, Ross and Cromarty

Name of Organisation	Area / Ward indication	Name of Organisation	Area / Ward indication
Skye, Ross and Cromarty Community Councils	Skye Ross Cromarty	Milton Community Woodland Trust	8
Skye, Ross and Cromarty Parent Councils	Skye Ross Cromarty	Nigg Old Trust	8
Skye Ross and Cromarty Village Hall Associations	Skye Ross Cromarty	North Highland Curling Trust	8
Applecross Archaeological Society	6	Seaboard Memorial Hall	8
Applecross Community Company	6	Tain & Easter Ross Civic Trust	8
Braemore Hall Committee	6	Tain Heritage Trust	8
Celtic Fringe Tourism Association	6	Tain Initiative	8
Coigach Community Development Company	6	Tarbat Historic Trust	8
Drumbeg Development Association	6	West Alness Residents Association	8
Fairburn Memorial Hall	6		
Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action Forum	6	Dingwall Monday Club	9
Gairloch Community Car Scheme	6	Dingwall Museum Trust	9
Gairloch Community Hall	6	Dingwall Town Association	9
Gairloch Heritage Museum	6	Feis Rois	9
Highland Museum of Childhood	6	Maryburgh Amenities Association	9
Kinlochewe Hall Trustees	6	Puffin Hydrotherapy Pool Ltd	9
Kirkton Woodland and Heritage Group	6	Ross-shire Women's Aid	9
Kyle Public Hall	6		
Kyle Residents Association	6	Avoch Amenities Association	10
Laide & Aultbea Community Woodland	6	BET Solutions Ross-shire	10

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Shieldaig Sports Association	6	Cromarty Arts Trust	10
Shieldaig Village Association	6	Cromarty Courthouse Museum	10
Skye & Kyle Rail Development Co Ltd	6	Findon Hall Management Committee	10
Skye & Lochalsh Association for Disability	6	Groam House Museum	10
Skye & Lochalsh Environmental Forum	6	Highland Birchwoods	10
South West Ross Community Car Scheme	6	Mulbuie Community Hall Committee	10
Strathpeffer Initiative	6	Munlochy Hall Management Committee	10
Strathpeffer Residents Association	6	North Kessock Amenities Association	10
Ullapool Community Centre	6	Resolis Sports Club	10
Ullapool Community Trust	6	Rosemarkie Amenities Association	10
Ullapool Harbour Trustees	6	TCV Scotland	10
Ullaspool	6	The Black Isle Messiah Team	10
Wester Ross Environment Network	6	Transition Black Isle	10
Wester Ross Radio Ltd	6		
		Barcadale Minginish Community Bus	11
		Broadford and Strath Community Company	11
Alness Community Association	7	Broadford Children's Play Association	11
Alness Community Bus	7	Carbost Pier Ltd	11
Alness Partnership	7	Clan Donald Lands Trust	11
Alness Transition Group	7	Cuillin FM Ltd	11
Alness United Football Club	7	Faiths Together	11
Ardross Community Hall	7	Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association	11
Averon Leisure Management Ltd	7	Portree YMCA	11
Invergordon Off The Wall	7	Ragtag	11
Ross Sutherland Rugby Football Club	7	Skye & Lochalsh Access Panel	11
Soar Youth Projects	7	Skye & Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations (Community Transport)	11
Support in Mind Scotland - Alness	7	Skye & Lochalsh Mental Health Association	11
Townlands Together Residents Group	7	Skye & Lochalsh Visually Impaired Association	11

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West Alness Residents Association	7	Skye and Lochalsh CVO	11
		Skye and Lochalsh Friends of Arms Ltd	11
Balintore Residents Association	8	Skye and Lochalsh Young Carer's	11
CCAST	8	Sleat Community Trust	11
Firhill Residents Association	8	Staffin Community Hall Association Ltd	11
Highland Alternative Music	8	The Collie & MacKenzie Sculpture Group	11
Inver Hall Committee	8	Waternish Community Hall Committee	11
Inverbreakie Area Residents Group	8		
Invergordon Old Town Residents Association	8	Lochalsh & Skye HA	6, 11
	8	MFR Cash for Kids	Ross Cromarty
Kirkside Area Residents Association	8		
Made in Tain	8	Moray Firth Partnership	Ross Cromarty
Mansfield Residents Association	8	Ross and Cromarty CAB	7, 8, 10
		Skye and Lochalsh CAB	6, 11

*Ward 6 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh*

*Ward 9 Dingwall and Seaforth*

*Ward 7 Cromarty Firth*

*Ward 10 Black Isle*

*Ward 8 Tain and Easter Ross*

*Ward 11 Eilean a' Cheò*

## Highland wide groups that cover Skye, Ross and Cromarty – H

Name of Organisation	Area	Name of Organisation	Area
Advocacy Highland	H	Highland Society for the Deaf	H
Age Concern Scotland	H	Highland Youth Voice	H
Albyn HA	H	Highlands & Islands Equality Forum	H
Alzheimer Scotland (Regional Office)	H	Highlands & Islands Theatre Network	H
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands	H	Highlands and Islands Autism Society	H
Autism Rights Group Highland (ARGH)	H	HUG - Action for Mental Health	H
Barnardo's	H	Kagyusamyedzong Highlands	H
Birchwood Highland	H	Key Community Support	H
Blythswood	H	Lead Scotland	H
British Deaf Association Scotland	H	Momentum	H
Brook Highland	H	Nansen Highland	H
Cairn HA	H	New Start Highland	H
Chinese Association SHIMCA	H	North Highland Initiative	H
CHIP+	H	North Highland Tourism	H
Community Woodlands Association	H	North of Scotland Archaeological Society	H
Connecting Carers	H	Partnerships for Wellbeing	H
Contact The Elderly	H	People First Highland	H
Creativity in Care	H	Plan B Collaborative Theatre Ltd	H
Forest Education Initiative	H	Poppy Scotland	H
Friendship Services	H	Promoters Arts Network	H
Headway Highland	H	Ross-shire Waste Action Network (ROWAN)	H
Health & Happiness	H	Safe, Strong and Free	H
Hearing and Sight Care	H	Scottish Huntington's Association	H
Highland Bangladeshi Association	H	SHIRLIE Project	H
Highland Birchwoods	H	Sight Action	H
Highland Buildings Preservation Trust	H	Support in Mind Scotland	H
Highland Business Women's Club	H	Swans of Scotland	H
Highland Developmental Co-ordination Disorders	H	TAG Highland	H

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Group (HDCD)			
Highland Environment Network	H	The Highland Football Academy Trust	H
Highland Homeless Trust	H	The Highland-Russia Connection	H
Highland Indian Association	H	The National Autistic Society	H
Highland Islamic Education and Community Centre	H	Waverley Care	H
Highland LGBT Forum	H	Women@Work Project	H
Highland Multicultural Friends	H	Youth Highland	H
Highland Rainbow Folk	H	Waverley Care	H
Highland Senior Citizens Network	H		
Highland Skate Club	H		