

## Highland CPP

Chief Officers Group – 11 November 2015

Agenda Item	6.
Report No	COG 26/15

### Safe Young Highlander Events

#### Report by High Life Highland Chief Executive

##### Summary

This report proposes the expansion of the number of annual Safe Young Highlander events from the current 5 to 7, to enable greater numbers of primary school pupils to attend. High Life Highland would organise and promote the events with the support of Partnership agencies attending to deliver their relevant elements of activity.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1	<p>An issue was raised recently at the Sutherland District Partnership relating to concern over the sustainability of the annual Safe Highlander events hosted at the Cameron Barracks in Inverness, in Wick, Fort William, Portree and Lairg. The concern was twofold; over the travel cost to schools and therefore the ability of children from more rural areas to attend to access the benefits of the event and the ability/commitment of partners to sustain the events. The Partnership was clear in its view that the safety lessons learned at the events have a lasting effect on those children attending.</p>
1.2	<p>To build upon the work of partners and the success of previous events, High Life Highland (HLH) undertook to review the possibility of developing a series of Safe Highlander events across the region in order to reduce travel times and cost, in partnership with Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Scottish Ambulance Service and other key community planning partners, to enable greater numbers of schools to attend. HLH have developed the following proposal for this purpose.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
2.1	<p>i) Seven 'Safe Young Highlander' events be planned for the following areas: Inverness; Dingwall; Lairg; Caithness; Lochaber; Skye; Badenoch</p> <p>ii) Venues used are HLH facilities or other partner facilities where free use can be negotiated</p> <p>iii) Local HLH staff prepared to co-ordinate each event</p> <p>iv) The following core partners commit to attend all local events at their own cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police Scotland</li><li>• Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</li><li>• Scottish Ambulance Service</li><li>• Scottish Coast Guard Service</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Highland</li> <li>• The Highland Council – Care and Learning Service</li> <li>• High Life Highland</li> </ul> <p>v) Other relevant local agencies and third sector partners are approached and invited to attend each local event.</p> <p>vi) The date of the event is planned to coincide with the transition week [primary to secondary] activities in June / July.</p> <p>vii) Young people taking part in the HLH Leadership Programme are involved in planning and delivering their local event.</p> <p>viii) HLH Active Schools Co-ordinators assume the lead role in encouraging and enabling schools to attend their local event.</p> <p>ix) HLH assist schools in identifying funding to support transport costs to attend the event.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Next Steps/Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>The COG is asked to agree:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to support the widening of the Safe Young Highlander events to ensure coverage across the area and that each partner allocate a single point of contact from within their organisation to work with HLH on the development of the events;</li> <li>ii. that commitment be sought from each of the core partner agencies listed in section 2 iv) of the report to attend all seven local events; and</li> <li>iii. that it be remitted to HLH to undertake the planning and co-ordination of the series.</li> </ul>

Signature:

Designation: Chief Executive

Date: 3 November 2015