

Agenda Item	5.
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Committee: CPP Chief Officers' Group

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Report Title: Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan and Action Programme

Report By: Director of Development and Infrastructure

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report advises the CPP Chief Officers' Group of the finalisation and imminent adoption of the Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan). The report also presents the latest version of the associated Action Programme. The Plan will have implications for services provided by CPP partners and there are actions for delivering the plan collaboratively.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Chief Officers' Group is asked to:

- note the Local Development Plan that is intended to be adopted;
- review and agree the Action Programme in Appendix 2 and provide any updates necessary, either at the meeting or to the Council's Development Plans Team via casplan@highland.gov.uk by 14 September 2018;
- note the Final Action Programme (amended to reflect any such updates from CPP partners) will be presented to the CPP Board on 04 October 2018, with subsequent adoption of the Action Programme by the Council's Caithness Committee and Sutherland County Committee in November 2018; and
- consider how partners can help to monitor and update the Action Programme on an ongoing basis after it has been adopted.

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2015 the CPP Chief Officers' Group and Board agreed to take on new responsibilities to assist the preparation and implementation of Local Development Plans (LDPs) as outlined in Appendix 1. This has allowed the CPP to take greater ownership of LDPs as a means to help achieve community planning outcomes and shape future communities in Highland, specifically land use planning aspects. It is also aimed at ensuring partners are aware of any responsibilities for delivering any element of the LDP.
- 3.2 CaSPlan shows where and how development can be delivered in the plan area. It was previously reported to CPP in November/December 2015, when the outcome of consultation on Main Issues Report was known and Proposed Plan and associated Proposed Action Programme were being prepared. Subsequent public, partner and stakeholder consultation in early 2016 led to modified versions being consulted on. A subsequent Examination of outstanding issues resulted in a Report received April 2018. Full Council in June 2018 agreed to accept all of its recommendations for changes and to progress to adoption of CaSPlan. Significant effort has been made to engage partner organisations and communities in the preparation process, so that CaSPlan aligns with both Council and CPP partner priorities and future plans.

4. Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan)

- 4.1 At the time of writing, the Council has finalised CaSPlan and is awaiting clearance from Scottish Ministers to enable adoption of the Plan. It is hoped that CaSPlan will be adopted by the date of the Chief Officers' Group meeting; an update will be provided at the meeting. The Chief Officers' Group is invited to note the 'Intention To Adopt' version of CaSPlan, which may be read via the Council's webpage: www.highland.gov.uk/casplan .

5. CaSPlan Action Programme

- 5.1 The Council has to finalise and adopt the Action Programme within 3 months of Plan adoption. The latest Action Programme version for CaSPlan, branded 'Delivery Programme', is in Appendix 2. The Chief Officers' Group is asked to review and agree the Action Programme and provide any updates necessary, either at the meeting or otherwise by 14 September 2018. This will help keep us on track for presenting the Action Programme (amended to reflect any such updates from CPP partners) to the CPP Board on 04 October 2018, with subsequent adoption of the Action Programme by the Council's Caithness Committee and Sutherland County Committee scheduled for November 2018.
- 5.2 The style of presentation has changed since earlier drafts and is now in line with that of the Action Programme for the Inner Moray Firth LDP, including providing content on expectations for Developer Contributions towards infrastructure provision. The actions for delivering CaSPlan will ultimately form part of a single consolidated Delivery Programme for Highland, to simplify the process of implementing the LDPs and carrying out monitoring.
- 5.3 The Action Programme is intended to be updated on an ongoing basis with annual updates published to show how partners are jointly delivering against the policies, proposals and outcomes of all LDPs. The Chief Officers' Group is asked to consider how partners can help to monitor and update the Action Programme on an ongoing

basis after it has been adopted, for example whether a specific officer could be identified in each partner organisation with responsibility to update the relevant actions on at least a quarterly basis.

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APPENDIX 1: CPP Board and COG Responsibilities

Roles and Responsibilities of the Community Planning Partnership Board and Chief Officers' Group in preparing Development Plans

Tasks for Local Development Plans

Prior to consideration by Committee unless stated:	Chief Officers' Group	Community Planning Partnership Board
Main Issues Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and agree the proposed Outcomes and Spatial Strategy for the new Plan Review Preferred Options and background papers through weblink provided 	n/a
Proposed Plan & Proposed Action Programme (9-12 months after MIR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and agree the Proposed Plan Review and agree Action Programme and consider implications for services / infrastructure, or Capital Programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and agree the Proposed Plan and Action Programme to confirm ownership by CPP Board
Examination	n/a	n/a
Adopted Local Development Plan and Final Draft Action Programme (within 3 months of LDP adoption)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note Plan for adoption Review and agree Final Action Programme and provide any updates necessary since Proposed Plan version 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note Plan for adoption Review and Responsible organisations to provide comments on actions for delivery Review and agree implications for partners' investment priorities

Caithness and Sutherland DRAFT Delivery Programme August 2018

This constitutes the Action Programme for the Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan)

This Delivery Programme sets out the infrastructure and development required to support the implementation of the [Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan \(CaSPlan\)](#). The purpose of the Delivery Programme is to provide information for identifying, monitoring and implementing the actions for delivering future growth in the area. It will be used to coordinate investment in development and infrastructure and will be revised and amended as infrastructure is delivered, opportunities for new development are presented and as pressures change over time.

The Delivery Programme constitutes the Action Programmes for CaSPlan which is a statutory requirement of the local development plan making process and will be submitted to the Scottish Government.

In due course we intend to produce a single Delivery Programme which covers each of the three local development plans once they are adopted. So far we have prepared Delivery Programmes for the areas covered by CaSPlan and the [Inner Moray Firth](#) Local Development Plan (IMF LDP) areas. The West Highland and Islands version will be produced next.

The CaSPlan Delivery Programme is split into four sections:

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Infrastructure projects are identified for each of the Main Settlements as identified in CaSPlan. Developer contributions towards the delivery of these projects may be required from sites located within and outwith these settlements. For secondary school and certain community facility projects, developer contributions are sought on a secondary school catchment area basis. Therefore, please check the relevant Main Settlement(s) to identify developer contribution requirements.

1. Strategic Infrastructure Improvements

ACTIONS		TIMESCALES	COST	DELIVERY	
Topic	Action			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Transport	A9 Berriedale Braes Improvement Scheme Re-alignment of the A9 Trunk Road	2017-2019	£9 million	Transport Scotland	Contractors procurement process underway. Development expected to commence later in 2018.
	Enhanced High Voltage Electricity Network Delivery of an enhanced high voltage electricity transmission grid to meet national targets for electricity generation, climate change targets and security of energy supply. Projects currently planned by SHE T include:	By 2021 (Scotland wide project)	£7 billion (Scotland wide project)	Ofgem, Utility Transmission Network Owners, THC	
	o Caithness-Moray HVDC: High Voltage Direct Current connection to Moray incorporating a HVDC Converter Station at Spittal.				Early development stage
	o Shetland Reinforcement: Incorporating a HVDC circuit to connect to the Caithness-Moray HVDC via a Switching Station in the vicinity of Noss Head, Wick.				Early development stage
	o Orkney Strategic Reinforcement: Upgrading of the subsea connection to Orkney from the Caithness Coast.				Early development stage
	o Beaully-Loch Buidhe: Replacement of the existing 132kV overhead line with a new 275kV overhead line.				Project assessment stage
	o Lairg-Loch Buidhe: A new substation in the vicinity of Lairg with an overhead line connection to a substation being built at Loch Buidhe, north of Bonar Bridge.				Early development stage
	o Gills Bay Radial: Provision of a 132kV overhead line , with cabled sections, from the planned Thurso South substation to a new 132/33kV substation at Mey, Gills Bay.				Project refinement stage

	National Digital Fibre Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of enhanced digital infrastructure which is vital for continued sustainable economic growth 	2020	£146 million (across whole of HIE area)	Scottish Government, HIE, BT, Other Public Sector Bodies	
	Area of Coordinated Action: Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Support a coordinated approach to planning for energy-related and other key development	Ongoing	Not known	Scottish Government, THC, OIC	
Utilities	Improving Drinking Water Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Londornoch Water Treatment Works – enhance treatment by providing duplicate process stream to allow planned maintenance 	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newmore Water Treatment Works – improving the existing treatment process by automation of key chemical dosing processes and improved filter washing 	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achmelvich Water Treatment Works – ensure water quality consistently meets the standards, by decommissioning the water treatment works and supplying from the Lochinver system 	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savalbeg Water Treatment Works – ensure water quality consistently meets the standards, by automating chemical dosing systems, increasing Dynasand filter capacity and providing additional storage 	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	Improving Water Services and Supply Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lochinver Water Treatment Works supply system – improving water availability by augmenting the available water supply by securing abstraction from a nearby loch 	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	Health Service Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golspie reconfiguration and demolition (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government) 	2015-2021	£390k	NHS Highland	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caithness General Hospital reconfiguration (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government) 	2017-2018	£2.4 million	NHS Highland	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawson Memorial Hospital site rationalisation (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government) 	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Sutherland community care redesign (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government) 	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	

2. Economic Development Sites

ACTIONS	TIMESCALES	COST	DELIVERY	
			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Dounreay Site decommissioning, restoration and after-use of the Dounreay site in accordance with Dounreay Planning Framework 2.	2030	£2.9 billion	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, THC	Planning permission granted June 2018 for Phase 3 of decommissioning which will cover all development to achieve Interim End State.
Dounreay Continuing review of the potential options for the re-use of the Dounreay site with the site owner, regulators, the local public and stakeholder groups.	Not known	Not known	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, THC	
Forss Business and Energy Park Existing business park with office, workshop and storage space available	Ongoing	Not known	Abbey Ecosse	
Georgemas Junction Strategic rail freight and transport hub	Ongoing	Not known	Network Rail, Stoerhouse Highlands, Highland Timber Transport Group, Forestry Commission Scotland, other stakeholders	Woodfuel biomass heat and power plant granted consent in October 2015.
Gills Harbour Potential to become a service base for the marine renewables sector	Ongoing	Not known	Gills Harbour Ltd	Expansion plans of up to £3 million were announced in July 2018
Janetstown Industrial Estate Long term established site with undeveloped serviced plots	Ongoing	Not known	HIE	
Seater Waste Management Facility Landfill restoration programme	2019/2020	£1.25m	THC	

3. Main Settlements

ACTIONS		TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
Infrastructure Projects	Developer contributions required towards infrastructure project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
ARDGAY • 10 homes allocated • 2 ha employment land allocated					
Developer led masterplan - Redevelopment of Lady Ross site AG02	N/A	Not known	Not known	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, Developer	Planning permission (16/02633/FUL) granted for new village square, parking, creation of business space and housing plots. Commercial units now complete and occupied. Residential component yet to commence development.
Land behind public hall - Additional car parking provision	N/A	Subject to suitable funding being found	Not known	Ardgay & District Community Council, Landowner	Community council aspiration
BONAR BRIDGE • 30 homes allocated • 0.7 ha employment land allocated					
Developer led Masterplan - BB01 Cherry Grove	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
BRORA • 72 homes allocated • 10 ha employment land allocated					

Brora Town Centre Health Check - Undertake health check and develop strategy which may be adopted as Supplementary Guidance	N/A	2018-2019	No capital cost	THC	Initial data gathering commenced in June 2018
Developer led Masterplan - BR03 East Brora Muir	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
CASTLETOWN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 119 homes allocated • 18 ha employment land allocated 					
Tree lined boulevard connection between Traill Street and Castlehill	CT02, CT07, CT10	Not known	Not known	Developers	Initial phase of connection incorporated within planning permission at former Castlehill Steading (16/00927/FUL)
DORNOCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 310 homes allocated • 5.1 ha employment land allocated 					
Dornoch Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Dornoch Town Centre Health Check - Undertake health check and develop strategy which may be adopted as Supplementary Guidance	N/A	2018-2019	No capital cost	THC	Initial data gathering commenced in June 2018
Development of multi-purpose sports and community centre including curling rink, wedding venue, gym and arts and culture centre at Land at Shore Road	All housing development within Dornoch Academy catchment. Project identified in Dornoch settlement text in CaSPlan.	Potentially operational by 2020	£2.5m	Dornoch and District Community Association (DADCA)	Project announced in April 2018 following difficulties in achieving funding for the sports centre and community centre projects. Potential funding sources include Scottish Land Fund.

EDDERTON • 65 homes allocated • 0.4 ha employment land allocated					
Developer led Masterplan - ET02 West of Station Road	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
GOLSPIE • 79 homes allocated • 9 ha employment land allocated					
Golspie Flood Protection Scheme/Natural Flood Management Scheme - Includes a Flood Protection Study and permissions necessary for preferred solution. Will allow for grant bid to be submitted.	N/A	By 2023	£348k. Total cost of scheme not yet known.	THC	
Creation of new multi-use games area including basketball and netball court at land north of Golspie Primary School.	All housing development within Golspie Primary School catchment require to contribute.	Not known	Total cost not known. £31k LEADER funding secured in Feb 2018.	Sutherland Community Sports & Recreation Hub	
Golspie Town Centre Health Check - Undertake health check and develop strategy which may be adopted as Supplementary Guidance	N/A	2018-2019	No capital cost	THC	Initial data gathering commenced in June 2018
Appraisal of potential Golspie Conservation Area - Appraisal to consider the creation of a new Conservation Area for Golspie's historic core	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
HALKIRK • 63 homes allocated • 2.4 ha employment land allocated					

Halkirk Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) - To identify who is responsible to undertake works and allow grant bid to be submitted.	N/A	By 2021	£56k	THC, Scottish Water	
Halkirk cemetery extension at HK03 North East of Old Parish Church	N/A	2017-2027	Not known	THC, landowner	
New sports and leisure centre in Halkirk - Includes indoor sports pitch, gym, leisure suite etc.	All housing development within Halkirk Primary School catchment require to contribute. Project identified within Halkirk section of CaSPlan.	Not known	Estimated £1.5m total cost	Halkirk Community Sports Foundation (HCSF)	HCSF webpage states approx 40% of capital cost already secured. Planning permission granted in Oct 2007 (06/00278/FULCA) for sports facilities including sports centre.
HELMSDALE • 40 homes allocated • 2 ha employment land allocated					
Appraisal of potential Helmsdale Conservation Area - Appraisal to consider the creation of a new Conservation Area for Helmsdale's historic core	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Former Filling Station Stafford Street (A9) - Community trust led redevelopment of site to provide new filling station facility.	N/A	Not known	Not known	Helmsdale and District Development Trust	
LAIRG • 68 homes allocated • 2.4 ha employment land allocated					
Developer led Masterplan - LA01 South-west of Main Street	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	

Developer led Masterplan - LA03 Former Sutherland Arms site	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
LOCHINVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 homes allocated • 4 ha employment land allocated 					
LYBSTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 homes allocated • 1.8 ha employment land allocated 					
Lybster Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan. With view to the potential extension to include the historic harbour area.	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
THURSO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 363 homes allocated • 63 ha employment land allocated 					
Thurso Town Centre Health Check - Undertake health check and develop strategy which may be adopted as Supplementary Guidance	N/A	2018-2019	No capital cost	THC	Initial data gathering commenced in June 2018
Thurso West Development Brief - Council to produce a development brief for allocation TS04. Developer-led masterplan may come forward before the Brief if it addresses the requirements identified in CaSPlan regarding site TS04.	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC, landowners and other relevant stakeholders	

Thurso Distributor/Relief Road - Creation of a new distributor road to open up land for development and better connect communities and places of work. The road must be designed to allow for future extension and upgrading to form the relief road. The distributor road is to be delivered by developers as part of the Thurso West proposals.	TS03, TS04, TS10	2017-2037	Not known	THC, landowners, developers, other relevant stakeholders	
Scrabster Mains Low Carbon & Renewables Enterprise Area - Planning permission 14/00418/FUL for the creation of 11 serviced industrial plots together with a new access road from the A9 Trunk Road.	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Scrabster Harbour Trust, Scottish Government, HIE	
Thurso Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Thurso watersports facility - Creation of a new surfing and watersports facility to provide shower, toilets and changing facilities and an open viewing shelter.	N/A	TBC	Not known	North Shore Surf Club	Planning permission granted in Nov 2017 for surf club building at Thurso East (17/04400/FUL)
Community woodland west of Thurso - Partly associated with allocation TS04 Thurso West	N/A	Not known	Not known	Landowner (Thurso Bay Trading Company), other stakeholders, potential for part delivery by compensatory planting from windfarm development(s).	
Development of a Thurso Community Sports Hub (TCSH) including new 6 lane running track and indoor sports hall at allocation TS11 Viewfirth Park	All housing development within Thurso High School catchment require to contribute.	Not known	Estimated at £2 million	TCSH, Sportscotland, HLH	TCSH currently seeking funding
River Thurso Flood Protection Scheme - Includes a Flood Protection Study and permissions necessary for preferred solution. Will allow for grant bid to be submitted.	N/A	By 2023	£343k. Total cost of scheme not yet known.	THC	

TONGUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 homes allocated • 3.9 ha employment land allocated 					
Caladh Sona Care Facility - Redevelopment of existing facility	N/A	Consultation underway	Not known	NHS Highland, THC	
WICK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 307 homes allocated • 63 ha employment land allocated 					
Wick District Heating System - Expansion of existing network by encouraging existing property owners and businesses and new developments (both public and private sectors) to connect to the district heating system	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Ignis Biomass, THC, property/business owners, other stakeholders	
Wick Harbour - Further enhancement of facilities to support the growth of the energy sector in North Highland	N/A	Ongoing	SSE propose £10million investment at the harbour	Wick Harbour Authority, HIE, THC, SSE	
Wick Joint Campus - Construction of new High School (including sports facilities, specialist facilities for vocational subjects and assisted learning) and East Caithness community facilities (include a new public library, swimming pool and separate toddler pool).	N/A	2017/2018	£53.85 million	THC, hub North Scotland, Morrison Construction, High Life Highland	Complete
Wick High School - Major extension to new secondary school	All housing development within school catchment (major ext./new school rates apply)	Dependent upon rate of development. Expected years 1-5 based on SRF.	TBC	THC	Part of pan-Highland capital programme commitment to address anticipated future capacity issues resulting from forecasted levels of housing development.

Wick Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan. THI/CARS scheme underway and nearing completion.	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost for Conservation Area Appraisal (£1.5m previously awarded for CARS)	THC	
Wick Town Centre Health Check - Undertake health check and develop strategy which may be adopted as Supplementary Guidance	N/A	2018-2019	No capital cost	THC	Initial data gathering commenced in June 2018
Coghill Footbridge - Replacement of existing footbridge	N/A	2017	£505k	THC	On hold/under review

4. Outwith Main Settlements

Settlement/ Location	ACTIONS		TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
	Infrastructure Projects	Developer contributions required towards infrastructure project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Bettyhill	Strathnaver Museum - Redevelop as a heritage hub for north west Sutherland	N/A	Not known	Total cost not known. £29k LEADER funding secured in Feb 2018.	Strathnaver Museum Trust, THC	
Rogart	Rogart auction mart - Redevelopment as a multi-purpose space	N/A	Not known	Not known	Rogart Development Trust, Scottish Land Fund	SLF has awarded £23,155 towards the structural and contamination surveys.
Embo	Embo Community Hub - New community hub including shop, post office, community café, toilet services and all-purpose function hall.	All housing development within Embo Primary School catchment require to contribute towards community facility as identified in CaSPlan.	Not known	£1million secured from The Big Lottery Growing Community Assets Fund. £31k LEADER funding secured in Feb 2018.	The Embo Trust	Redevelopment nearing completion.
Caithness	Caithness Broch Project - Authentic construction of replica iron-age broch to provide tourist attraction and education facility. Preferred location near John O Groats.	N/A	Not known	Not known	The Caithness Broch Project, other relevant stakeholders and funding providers	

Kinlochbervie	Loch Clash Harbour - Redvelopment into a community-owned facility	N/A	Not known	Not known	Kinlochbervie Community, HIE	
Port Chamuill, Loch Eriboll	Port Chamuill at Loch Eriboll - Creation of a community-owned harbour	N/A	Not known	Not known	Durness Development Group	
Coigach – Assynt	Coigach – Assynt Living Landscape (CALL) project - One of the largest landscape restoration projects in Europe, aiming to benefit the land, the people and the local economy in Coigach and Assynt.	N/A	2016-2021	£4.7 million (funding primarily from Heritage Lottery Fund)	Coigach – Assynt Living Landscape (partners include: Assynt Foundation, Culag Community Woodland Trust, Eisg Brachaidh Estate, Historic Assynt, John Muir Trust, Kylesku Estate, Tanera Mor, and Scottish Wildlife Trust)	
Bettyhill	Farr Primary - 1-2 Classroom Extension	All housing development within primary school catchment.	Dependent upon rate of development. Expected years 1-5 based on SRF.	TBC	THC	
Broubster	Broubster and Brawlbin Public Road Improvements - Delivered as part of Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS)	N/A	2017/2018	£300k	STTS, THC and FES	
Kinbrace	B871 Kinbrace to Syre Public Road Improvements - Delivered as part of Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS)	N/A	2017/2018	£1million	STTS, THC and private sector	
Kincardine Hill	Kincardine Hill Public Road Improvements - Delivered as part of Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS)	N/A	2017/2018	£175k	STTS, THC and private sector.	

Bettyhill	Naver Bridge on the A836 between Tongue and Thurso - Replacement of existing bridge	N/A	Construction expected around 2025/2026	£6.9 million	THC	
Melvich	Bighouse Bridge - Upgrade to allow it to reopen to the public	N/A	2017	£185k	THC	On hold/under review
Far North Line	Far North Line service improvements - Far North Line Review Group to co-ordinate activities and look at opportunities to improve performance on the line	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Scottish Government, Abellio, Network Rail	
Highland Scenic Routes	Highland Scenic Routes - Anticipated that the Scottish Government Scenic Route initiative will be launched more widely in 2016 which would allow for identification of more sites which could be potentially upgraded.	N/A	2023	£475k (Highland wide)	THC, Scottish Government	Scottish Government did not launch a second round of the competition. Council funding has now been withdrawn.
Caithness and Sutherland	Pictish Trail - Explore opportunities to improve and promote the Pictish Trail (tourist driving route) which extends from Inverness to Sutherland and Caithness	N/A	2018	£30k	THC	Additional funding currently being sought.
John O Groats	Reinstatement of core path between End of the Road and the Ness of Duncansby.	N/A	Not known	Not known	Community led project	

Dornoch-Embo	Dornoch-Embo Road - Improvements	N/A	Not known	Not known	THC	
Kinbrace	Kinbrace railway station - Branchliner Project involves the development of a lineside timber loading facility.	N/A	Investigation study completed in 2017	Funding (£30k) for an investigative study has been confirmed.	HITRANS, FCS, Highland Timber Transport Group, THC	Investigation (completed 2017) found even with Mode Shift Revenue Support, difference between road and rail costs that would require to be bridged if rail transport from Kinbrace was to become viable.
Caithness and Sutherland	Far North Line - HITRANS are currently exploring the feasibility of a sleeper service to Caithness.	N/A	Not known	Not known	HITRANS, Abellio	
Watten	Watten Waste Water Treatment Works - Waste water capacity limited to additional 35 housing units. Further development should await completion of sewage treatment works.	N/A	Not known	Not known	Scottish Water, developers	