

Highland Community Planning Partnership
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Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan and Action Programme

Paper by Director of Development and Infrastructure, Highland Council

This report advises the CPP Board of the finalisation and 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.

The Board is asked to:

- Note the Local Development Plan that has been adopted;
- Note the Action Programme has previously been subject of discussion and input by the Chief Officers Group at its meeting on 04 September 2018;
- Provide comments on actions for delivery with reference to the Action Programme in Appendix 2, particularly where a CPP Member is one of the Responsible Organisations identified in it;
- Review and agree implications for partners' investment priorities;
- Note the intention to engage with Community Partnerships on the Action Programme;
- Note the Final Action Programme will be adopted by the Council's Caithness Committee and Sutherland County Committee in November 2018;
- Note how partners will help to monitor and update the Action Programme on an ongoing basis after it has been adopted.

1 Background

- 1.1 In 2015 the CPP Chief Officers' Group (COG) 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.
- 1.2 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.

2 Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan)

- 2.1 The Council having finalised CaSPlan and received the necessary clearance from Scottish Ministers, the Plan was adopted by the Council on 31 August 2018 and now carries full weight as part of the Development Plan. It is anticipated that the adopted version will be published imminently, but until then the 'Intention To Adopt' version of CaSPlan, which differs in no material way, may be read via the Council's webpage: www.highland.gov.uk/casplan .

3 CaSPlan Action Programme

- 3.1 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 COG discussed the Action Programme at its meeting on 04 September 2018 – the note of that meeting is elsewhere on this meeting agenda. Since then, the following amendments have been made:

- NHS Highland redesign projects in Caithness and North Sutherland have been updated to reflect the latest progress announcements;
- Comments from recent liaison with High Life Highland on community facilities have been incorporated;
- Inclusion of reference to the emergent proposals for a vertical launch facility in north Sutherland .

The Board is invited to provide comments on actions for delivery with reference to the Action Programme, particularly where a CPP Member is one of the Responsible Organisations identified in it, and to review and agree implications for partners' investment priorities. The Council has requested to also take the Action Programme to next meetings of the relevant Local CPPs. Points raised by the Local CPPs will feed in either to the Action Programme for adoption or to the ongoing monitoring and review of it. The Action Programme is scheduled for adoption by the Council's Caithness Committee and Sutherland County Committee at their meetings in November 2018.

- 3.2 The style of presentation of the Action Programme brought to the COG on 04 September 2018 and now to the Board 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.
- 3.3 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 COG agreed, in relation to the ongoing monitoring and updating of the Action Programme, that relevant partners identify a responsible officer to update their actions on at least a quarterly basis. In cases where no alternative contact has been identified, the

representative on the COG will be approached for such updates.

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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
September 2018**

This constitutes the emerging 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 vision, spatial strategy, policies and proposals of the [Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan \(CaSPlan\)](#). Its purpose is to provide information for identifying, monitoring and implementing the actions for delivering future growth in the area. It will be used to help identify which infrastructure projects will be subject to developer contributions requirements and as a tool for coordinating investment in development and infrastructure.

We will continue to work with partners and relevant stakeholders to review and where appropriate amend the Delivery Programme as infrastructure is delivered, opportunities for new development are presented and as pressures change over time. Some actions from previous versions may no longer appear, for instance as projects are completed.

Developer contributions towards the delivery of the infrastructure projects shown in this Delivery Programme may be required from sites located within and outwith relevant settlements. For secondary school and community facility projects, developer contributions may be sought on a secondary school catchment area basis. Therefore, please check the relevant Main Settlement(s) to identify developer contribution requirements.

In due course we intend to produce a single Delivery Programme which covers all of the Highland area. So far we have prepared Delivery Programmes for the Caithness and Sutherland and the [Inner Moray Firth](#) areas. The Delivery Programme for the West Highland and Islands area will be produced next.

The Delivery Programme constitutes the Action Programme for CaSPlan; having an action programme is a statutory requirement of the local development plan making process.

The Delivery Programme is split into four sections:

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1. Strategic Infrastructure Improvements - sets out the major investments to support growth nationally and for the Highland region, including by enabling the plan area to contribute to such growth.	2
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1. Strategic Infrastructure Improvements

ACTIONS		TIMESCALES	COST	DELIVERY	
Topic	Infrastructure Projects			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 Transmission include:	By 2021 (Scotland wide project)	£7 billion (Scotland wide project)	Ofgem, Utility Transmission Network Owners, The Highland Council (THC)	
	o Caithness-Moray HVDC: High Voltage Direct Current connection to Moray incorporating a HVDC Converter Station at Spittal.				Construction 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, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (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, Orkney Islands Council (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 Services	Golspie reconfiguration and demolition (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government)	2015-2021	£390k	NHS Highland	
	Caithness General Hospital reconfiguration (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government)	2017-2018	£2.4 million	NHS Highland	
	Lawson Memorial Hospital site rationalisation (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government)	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	

	Caithness adult health and social care services redesign	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	Public consultation launched in Sept 2018 on proposals for two Care Hubs to be established (Wick and Thurso)
	North Sutherland health and social care redesign - Proposed Hub facility identified for Tongue	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	NHS Highland announced in Sept 2018 that a site for 'Hub' facility has been identified in Tongue, situated beside the Health Centre and Kyle Day Care Centre.

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, The Highland Council (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	
Fors 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	Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)	
Seater Waste Management Facility Landfill restoration programme	2019/2020	£1.25m	THC	

3. Main Settlements

ACTIONS			TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
Type/ category	Infrastructure Projects	Developer contributions required towards infrastructure project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Settlement Name	ARDGAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 homes allocated • 2 ha employment land allocated 					
Planning Policy	Developer led masterplan - Redevelopment of Lady Ross site AG02	N/A	The Barn (six business units) together with redeveloped square opened in Dec 2017. Residential component yet to commence development.	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.
Transport	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
Settlement Name	BONAR BRIDGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 homes allocated • 0.7 ha employment land allocated 					
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - BB01 Cherry Grove	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Settlement Name	BRORA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 homes allocated • 10 ha employment land allocated 					

Planning Policy	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
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - BR03 East Brora Muir	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Settlement Name	CASTLETOWN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 119 homes allocated • 18 ha employment land allocated 					
Transport	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)
Settlement Name	DORNOCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 310 homes allocated • 5.1 ha employment land allocated 					
Planning Policy	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	
Planning Policy	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
Community Facility	Development of multi-purpose sports and community centre	All housing development within Dornoch Academy catchment. Project identified in Dornoch settlement text in CaSPlan.	Potentially operational by 2020	£2.5m (potential funding sources include Scottish Land Fund)	Dornoch and District Community Association (DADCA)	Latest project announced in April 2018 at land at Shore Road following difficulties in achieving funding for the sports centre and community centre projects. Project includes curling rink, wedding venue, gym and arts and culture centre

Settlement Name	EDDERTON • 65 homes allocated • 0.4 ha employment land allocated					
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - ET02 West of Station Road	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Settlement Name	GOLSPIE • 79 homes allocated • 9 ha employment land allocated					
Water	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 identified in Council's capital programme for carrying out study and planning permission. Total cost of scheme not yet known.	THC	
Community Facility	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, HLH	Under construction
Community Facility	Sutherland Swimming Pool - creation of a studio and free weights area	All housing development within Golspie High School catchment require to contribute.	2023	£400k+	HLH	
Planning Policy	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

Planning Policy	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	
Settlement Name	HALKIRK • 63 homes allocated • 2.4 ha employment land allocated					
Water	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	
Community Facility	Halkirk cemetery extension at HK03 North East of Old Parish Church	N/A	2017-2027	Not known	THC, landowner	
Community Facility	New sports and leisure centre in Halkirk - Includes indoor sports pitch, gym, leisure suite etc.	All housing developments within Halkirk Primary School catchment are required 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.
Settlement Name	HELMSDALE • 40 homes allocated • 2 ha employment land allocated					
Planning Policy	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	
Community Facility	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	

Settlement Name	LAIRG • 68 homes allocated • 2.4 ha employment land allocated					
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - LA01 South-west of Main Street	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - LA03 Former Sutherland Arms site	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Settlement Name	LOCHINVER • 24 homes allocated • 4 ha employment land allocated					
Settlement Name	LYBSTER • 36 homes allocated • 1.8 ha employment land allocated					
Planning Policy	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	
Settlement Name	THURSO • 363 homes allocated • 63 ha employment land allocated					
Planning Policy	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

Planning Policy	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	
Transport	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 and TS04	2017-2037	Not known	THC, landowners, developers, other relevant stakeholders	
Employment	Scrabster Mains Low Carbon & Renewables Enterprise Area at TSTS16 Land at Scrabster Mains Farm - 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	
Planning Policy	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	
Community Facility	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 Facility	Community woodland west of Thurso - Partly associated with allocation TS04 Thurso West	N/A	Not known	Not known	Landowner, other stakeholders, potential for part delivery by compensatory planting from windfarm development(s).	

Community Facility	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, SportsScotland, High Life Highland (HLH)	TCSH currently seeking funding
Water	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 identified in Council's capital programme for carrying out study and planning permission. Total cost of scheme not yet known.	The Highland Council (THC)	
Settlement Name	TONGUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 homes allocated • 3.9 ha employment land allocated 					
Community Facility	North Sutherland health and social care redesign - Proposed Hub facility identified for Tongue	N/A	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	NHS Highland announced in Sept 2018 that a site for 'Hub' facility has been identified in Tongue, situated beside the Health Centre and Kyle Day Care Centre.
Settlement Name	WICK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 307 homes allocated • 63 ha employment land allocated 					
Energy	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	

Employment	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, Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE)	
Schools	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. Project identified as part of the 2017/18 HLA and SRF. The 2018/19 reports are expected to show less pressure on the school roll from new housing development.
Planning Policy	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	
Planning Policy	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
Transport	Coghill Footbridge - Replacement of existing footbridge	N/A	2017	£505k	THC	On hold/under review

4. Outwith Main Settlements

ACTIONS				TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
Type/ category	Settlement/ Location	Infrastructure Projects	Developer contributions required towards infrastructure project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Employment	A'Mhoine peninsula	Emergent proposals for a new vertical launch spaceport facility for use by the space industry to launch satellites into orbit.	N/A	HIE expect planning application lodged late 2019 with operational target in early 2020s.	£17.3M total funding package agreed	HIE, UK Space Agency (UKSA), private sector	UKSA announced it has selected the first vertical launch site in Sutherland on 15 July 2018.
Community Facility	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, The Highland Council (THC)	
Schools	Bettyhill	Farr Primary - 1 Classroom extension	All housing development within primary school catchment.	Dependent upon rate of development. Expected years 1-5 based on SRF.	TBC	THC	
Community Facility	Bettyhill	North Coast Leisure Centre - Addition of multi-purpose facility adjacent to Farr Secondary School including new dance studio	All housing development within Farr High School catchment require to contribute.	2028	£500k	Tongue and Farr Sports Association	
Transport	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	

Transport	Broubster	Broubster and Brawlbin Public Road Improvements - Delivered as part of Strategic Timber Transport Scheme (STTS)	N/A	2017/2018	£300k	STTS, THC, Forestry Enterprise Scotland (FES)	
Community Facility	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	
Transport	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.
Transport	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	
Environment	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 (CALL) and their partner organisations	
Transport	Dornoch-Embo	Dornoch-Embo Road - Improvements	N/A	Not known	Not known	THC	
Community Facility	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	The Embo Trust	Redevelopment nearing completion.

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Transport	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	
Transport	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.
Transport	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	
Transport	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	
Transport	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, Forestry Commission Scotland (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.
Transport	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.	

Community Facility	Kinlochbervie	Loch Clash Harbour - Redevelopment into a community-owned facility	N/A	Not known	Not known	Kinlochbervie Community, HIE	
Transport	Melvich	Bighouse Bridge - Upgrade to allow it to reopen to the public	N/A	2017	£185k	THC	On hold/under review
Community Facility	Port Chamuill, Loch Eriboll	Port Chamuill at Loch Eriboll - Creation of a community-owned harbour	N/A	Not known	Not known	Durness Development Group	
Community Facility	Rogart	Rogart auction mart - Redevelopment as a multi-purpose space	N/A	Not known	Not known	Rogart Development Trust, Scottish Land Fund (SLF)	SLF has awarded £23,155 towards the structural and contamination surveys.
Community Facility	Thrumster	Thrumster MUGA - Development of outdoor multi-use games area	All housing development within Thrumster Primary School catchment require to contribute.	Not known	Not known	Community group	
Water	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	