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Report Title: **Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan): Action Programme**

Report By: Director of Development and Infrastructure

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report advises Committee of the finalisation and adoption of the Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan) on 31 August 2018 and presents the associated Action Programme for consideration and approval. Following the adoption of the Plan, the Planning Authority is required by law to complete and approve the Action Programme within 3 months of the adoption date.
- 1.2 The Action Programme sets out the timescales and actions for the delivery of development and infrastructure for a local development plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i. note the Local Development Plan that has been adopted;
 - ii. consider and approve the Action Programme in Appendix 1; and
 - iii. note the intended arrangements for ongoing monitoring and review of the Action Programme and that updates to the Action Programme will be made from time to time.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 31 August 2018 CaSPlan was formally adopted by The Highland Council Committee and constituted as part of the Development Plan. It has replaced the Caithness Local Plan (adopted 2002) and Sutherland Local Plan (adopted 2010). CaSPlan now carries full weight as part of the Development Plan and will be used to guide decisions on planning applications. The adopted CaSPlan is available to view online at www.highland.gov.uk/casplan and its publication has been advertised.
- 3.2 Following the adoption of the Local Development Plan, the Planning Authority is then required by law to complete and approve the Action Programme within 3 months of the adoption date, i.e. in the case of CaSPlan by the end of November 2018.
- 3.3 The Action Programme sets out the timescales and actions for the delivery of development and infrastructure for a local development plan. It provides 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.

4. CaSPlan Action Programme

- 4.1 The Action Programme which is in **Appendix 1** is split into four main sections:
 1. **Strategic Infrastructure Improvements** - sets out the major investments within the CaSPlan area which will support regional and national growth;
 2. **Economic Development Areas (EDAs)**- sets out the steps for enabling major employment generating development within the EDA sites identified in CaSPlan;
 3. **Main Settlements** – outlines the actions for delivering growth in each of the Main Settlements included within CaSPlan and identifies which infrastructure projects will be subject to developer contributions requirements;
 4. **Other Areas** – sets out the actions for delivering growth in areas outwith the Main Settlements and identifies which infrastructure projects will be subject to developer contributions requirements.

The style of presentation of the Action Programme has changed since earlier drafts and is now in line with that of the Action Programme for the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan.

5. Engagement

- 5.1 The Council prepared and consulted on a Proposed Action Programme alongside the Proposed Plan in January 2016. An updated version of the Proposed Action Programme was published alongside the Modified Proposed Plan in September 2016. Ongoing engagement has included contacting all named stakeholders within the Action Programme to ensure information is correct and up to date. The Action Programme was recently considered by Highland Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and Sutherland CPP. The Action Programme has been updated to take account of feedback received from these processes. The Action Programme has been circulated to the Caithness CPP and we have invited comment ahead of our attendance at their next meeting in November.
- 5.2 The latest version of the Action Programme is aligned with the 2017/2018 Housing Land Audit (HLA), which provides information on the forecasted phasing of new housing, and the School Roll Forecasts (SRF), which outline the anticipated changes to

pupil rolls in schools in Highland. This has informed the stated requirement for developer contributions towards schools. The Action Programme also takes account of recent liaison with High Life Highland regarding the inclusion of relevant community facility actions.

6. Monitoring and Review

- 6.1 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 the Plan. We will review and if necessary update and amend it as infrastructure is delivered, opportunities for new development are presented and as pressures change over time.
- 6.2 The Highland CPP has agreed that the partners assist on an ongoing basis with providing updates on their actions which will inform future updates of the Action Programme itself. The Local CPPs have an emerging, ongoing role to likewise contribute to the monitoring and review of the Action Programme.
- 6.3 The 2018/2019 versions of the HLA and SRF are expected to be published in mid November which may result in some amendments in respect of the school actions as set out in the Action Programme.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Resource - Resources to complete statutory processes for the Action Programme and ongoing monitoring and review are allowed for within the service budget.
- 7.2 Legal – Following the adoption of the Local Development Plan, the Planning Authority is then required by law to complete and approve the Action Programme within 3 months of the adoption date, i.e. by the end of November 2018. Thereafter, we are required to keep it under review and update and republish the Action Programme at least every two years.
- 7.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – The actions included within the Action Programme reflect and help deliver the vision, strategy, policies and proposals as set out in CaSPlan; these help to address a number of community issues. The Plan was subject to Equalities Screening.
- 7.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – The content of CaSPlan (which the Action Programme is aimed at supporting) was subject to several rounds of environmental assessment including Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Appraisal. This was carried out in consultation with SNH, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland. These have informed the strategy and site selection process.
- 7.5 Risk – There are no known risks associated with the Action Programme.
- 7.6 Gaelic – The title will be provided in Gaelic as well as English in the published version.

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Background Papers:

Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan), adopted 2018 – available at www.highland.gov.uk/casplan

The Council's Action (Delivery) Programmes for its Local Development Plans are published at www.highland.gov.uk/deliveryprogramme

The [Housing Land Audit](#) and [School Roll Forecasts](#) are available on the Highland Council's webpage www.highland.gov.uk.

APPENDIX 1 – CaSPlan Action Programme

**Caithness and Sutherland
Local Development Plan
(CaSPlan):
Action Programme
1st November 2018**

This Action 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 Action 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 Action 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 Action Programme which covers all of the Highland area. So far we have prepared Action Programmes for the Caithness and Sutherland and the [Inner Moray Firth](#) areas. The Action Programme for the West Highland and Islands area will be produced next.

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1. Strategic Infrastructure Improvements

ACTIONS		TIMESCALES	COST	DELIVERY	
Topic	Infrastructure Project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Transport	A9 Berriedale Braes Improvement Scheme Re-alignment of the A9 Trunk Road	2017-2019	£9 million (Estimated Construction Cost) £12.5 million (Estimated Total Project Cost)	Transport Scotland	Contractors procurement process underway. Contract Award anticipated winter 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)	SSE Transmission, 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 Beauly-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
	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, Marine Scotland, Orkney Islands Council (OIC)	
Utilities	National Digital Fibre Network 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	
	Local Access to Full Fibre Network Partnership bid to the UK Government's Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) programme for £4.7m funding to provide full fibre networks in Inverness Fort William Wick and Thurso.	Contract finalised by Dec 2018, Build 2019/2010, Services 2021	£4.7 million	UK Government, THC, UHI, HIE, SNH	Expected to provide Gigabit capability to 175 public sector sites and stimulate greater commercial investment
	Improving Drinking Water Quality • 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
	• 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
	• 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
	• 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 • 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	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	
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 (GHL)	GHL announced expansion plans costing up to £3 million in July 2018. Support for expansion of GHL has been expressed by Atlantis and others maritime/renewables companies. Business Case for the expansion now being prepared.
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 Project	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	Data gathering commenced in June and health check expected to be published in November 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	Allocations CT02, CT07, CT10 as shown in CaSPlan required to contribute.	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	Data gathering commenced in June and health check expected to be published in November 2018.
Community Facility	Development of multi-purpose sports and community centre	All housing development within Dornoch Academy catchment required to contribute. 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, SNH	
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 required 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 required to contribute.	2023	£400k+	HLH, THC	
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	Data gathering commenced in June and health check expected to be published in November 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 development within Halkirk Primary School catchment 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
Settlement Name	LAIRG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68 homes allocated • 2.4 ha employment land allocated 					

Transport	Community led project to develop footpath alongside A836 to Lairg Station from Little Loch Shin Dam	N/A	2018-2021	Currently under investigation/development (estimated £150k)	Lairg & District Community Initiative / THC	Currently subject to an application for Sustrans funding.
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - LA01 South-west of Main Street	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Community Facility	Lairg Police Station - proposed aquisition for community run Tourist Hostel Social Enterprise	N/A	2018-2021	currently under investigation	Lairg and District Community Initiatives/ Police Scotland Authority	subject to community aquisition under Community Empowerment Act
Community Facility	Gunn's Wood (69 Ha) - proposed aquisition for community woodland use	N/A	2018-2021	Currently under investigation/ aquisition via Scottish Land Fund	Lairg and District Community Initiative/ Forestry Commission	subject to community aquisition under Community Empowerment Act
Community Facility	Former Sutherland Arms (allocation LA03 in CaSPlan) - Proposed Care and Well-Being Centre (Extra Care Housing and Community Hub)	N/A	Operational by 2022	Estimated £3m total cost	Lairg & District Community Initiatives	Currently working on site layout and design, pre-planning application stage
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	Data gathering commenced in June and health check expected to be published in November 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.	Allocations TS03 and TS04 as shown in CaSPlan required to contribute.	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 required to contribute.	Not known	Estimated at £2 million	TCSH, Sportscotland, 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.	THC, SNH	
Settlement Name	TONGUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 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) required to contribute.	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	Data gathering commenced in June and health check expected to be published in November 2018.
Transport	Coghill Footbridge - Replacement of existing footbridge	N/A	2017	£505k	THC, SNH	On hold/under review

4. Other Areas

ACTIONS				TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
1. Filters	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, private sector	UK Space Agency (UKSA) announced it funding to the 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 Farr Primary school catchment required to contribute.	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 Primary school catchment required 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	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	Caithness and Sutherland	Application to and consideration by UNESCO for Flow Country to be identified as a World Heritage Site on the basis of the outstanding universal value of its habitats and bird populations, to provide high level status to the site and additional protection.	N/A	2019 - 2024 (Technical Evaluation in preparation and to be submitted to DCMS autumn 2019)	Not known	The Peatlands Partnership	Application is currently on UNESCO's Tentative List
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 required 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.
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	Final meeting expected in early 2019. Network Rail and Transport Scotland are working on a consolidation report which will include all feasible outcomes.
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	THC, Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), and private sector.	
Community Facility	Kinlochbervie	Loch Clash Harbour - Redvelopment 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
Employment	North West Sutherland	Proposals by Wildland Ltd for the creation and enhancement of clusters of high quality tourist accommodation and leisure facilities together with associated infrastructure improvements at locations across their estates.	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Wildland Ltd	Various planning applications have come forward and been consented for erection of new facilities and alterations and redevelopment of existing structures.
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	2019/2020	SLF and Gordonbush Community Fund have awarded £150,000 towards purchase cost and project development. SSE Highlands Sustainable Fund have awarded £45,000 towards refurbishment.	Rogart Development Trust, Gordonbush Community Fund, SLF, SSE Highlands Sustainable Fund.	Site purchase under negotiation
Community Facility	Scourie	Creation of new visitor centre and community hub which will also promote the North West Highlands Geopark and house the "Shelley Collection" (a nationally important collection of geological specimens).	N/A	Not known	Not known	Scourie Community Development Company Ltd	Plans currently under development
Community Facility	Thrumster	Thrumster MUGA - Development of outdoor multi-use games area	All housing development within Thrumster Primary School catchment required 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	