

(iii) Mr A Jarvie

To the Leader of the Council

“As this Council enters its fourth budget, can you name four localism programmes this Council has approved and successfully rolled out to communities?”

I can advise you of the following four localism programmes

1. The Council’s decision to distribute the Crown Estate Funding to our 10 Area Committees at its meeting in September 2020. This will provide over £2.5m for local projects this year and an on-going allocation each year for Area Committees to agree.
2. Increasing programme of Community Asset Transfers. During 2019/20 we had 21 transfers of assets to community.
3. We have undertaken an extensive programme of listening to communities across Highland who were actively involved in the response to the COVID emergency. We have spoken to over 300 community bodies and invited them into 14 learning conversations. We are now evaluating these responses with a view to changing how we and our public sector partners engage with communities.
4. There is a proposal in today’s agenda for the Council to devolve decision making in relation to play areas.