

2013 Highland Council Survey of Performance and Attitudes

Suirbhidh Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd air Coileanadh is Beachdan 2013

Dear Panel Member

Thank you for agreeing to be involved in the Citizens' Panel.

We conduct a survey like this every year to find out about satisfaction with Council services and your views on community life in the Highlands.

The Council values your views and the information you provide will be used to improve Council services in the future. It is important that as many people as possible reply so that we can build an accurate picture of residents' views and needs in the Highlands.

The survey should take around 20 minutes to complete. This is the longest survey we will send you.

Please return the completed survey in the envelope provided. Thank you in advance for your help.

Any information we receive from you will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used for any purposes other than this research.

We will take your responses to the questions very seriously.

Yours faithfully Alistair Dodds, Chief Executive, The Highland Council

If you would like someone to help you complete this questionnaire,

or, if you would like to receive it in an alternative format, e.g. large print, Braille, e-mail, audio tape, or suitable language, please telephone: 01463 702006

Please return your completed questionnaire in the reply paid envelope provided by 31st May 2013. NO STAMP IS NECESSARY

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS SURVEY

SI	ECTION CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL A' CUR FIOS CHUN NA COMHAIRLE
1	Did you make contact with or make a payment to The Highland Council (in person, by telephone
	or online) during the period 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013?
	(Please tick one box only)
	Yes \square 1 (Continue to question 2) No \square 2 (Go to question 7)
2	Thinking about your most recent contact with The Highland Council, what was your reason for making contact?
	(Please tick all that apply)
	To make a payment (e.g. Rent, Council Tax)
	To make an enquiry
	To request a service
	To report a problem
	To make an application
	To make a complaint
	To speak to your Councillor
	Other (Please specify):
3 a	How did you make this contact?
	(Please tick all that apply)
	Personal visit to Council Office
	Personal visit to Service Point
	By telephone
	By letter
	On-line (own computer/device)
	On-line (public access computer)
	During a visit at home by Council staff
	Through a Ward or City Forum
	Other (Please specify):
3 b	If you made payment(s) to the Council which of the following method(s) did you use?
	(Please tick all that apply)
	Direct Debit
	Bank Credit Transfer (Bacs)
	Telephone Banking
	Online Banking
	Standing Order
	Debit or Credit Card payment at Service Points
	Debit and Credit Card payment via the Internet
	Debit and Credit Card payment via the Council's telephone payment line
	By Cash at PayPoint or Payzone Outlets
	By Cash or Cheque at any Post Office
	By Cash or Cheque to school for school meals and activities

3 c	Were you aware you could a	ccess Council info	ormation throu	gh the follow	ing?		
	(Please tick one box only for each,						
	Webcasting of Council meeti	ngs	Yes 🔲 1	No 2			
	Social networking (Facebook	k, Twitter)	Yes 🔲	No 2			
3 d	Did you make this contact in	question 2 in Gae	elic?				
	(Please tick one box only)	_					
	Yes 1	No 2					
4	If you contacted an office in	noreon:					
4	(Please state)						
	, ,	office located in?					
	Which town/village was the o						
	What type of office was it (e.		iousing Servic	,c):			
5	When you last contacted the	Council, was your r	request dealt w	ith by the first	t person y	vou cont	acted?
	(Please tick one box only)						
	Yes 🔲 1	No 2	N/A	- I used the	website	3	
6	Please give your views on the	e service you rece	eived when yo	ou made this o	contact:		
	(If a statement does not apply to y	ou, tick N/A for not ap	plicable)				
	a) For all types of contact			Good	Average	Poor	N/A
	Helpfulness of staff			1	2	3	4
	How well the staff underst	ood what you war	nted	1	2	3	4
	Overall satisfaction with s	ervice given		1	2	3	4
	b) For personal visits to Co	ouncil Office/Ser	vice Point	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
	Waiting time				2	3	4
	Privacy						
	Ability to reach the right p						
	Accessible for people with						
	Opening hours						
	e p eg e e .						
	c) For telephone contact			Good	Average	Poor	N/A
	Speed with which the tele	phone was answe	ered	1	2	3	4
	How easy was it to get thr	ough to someone	who could he	lp you 🗖 1	2	3	4
	Opening hours			1	2	3	4
	d) For letter / amail / leaflet			0 1	A	Deer	N1/A
	d) For letter / email / leaflet			Good	Average	Poor	N/A
	Length of time taken for a	•					
	Usable format (other lang	uaye, print size)		1	2	3	4

	e) Council's website, www.highland.gov.ukGoodAveragePoorN/AHome page content1234General content1234Ease of use: A to Z1234Completing on-line forms1234Navigation1234Search1234Links on Homepage1234Webcasting Council meetings1234Social Networking e.g. Facebook, Twitter1234
7	How satisfied are you with the information you get on The Highland Council services?
	(Please tick one box only) Very Fairly Neither Satisfied Fairly Very Satisfied Satisfied /Dissatisfied Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5
8	If the following 2 additional methods for receiving information or contacting the Council were available to you, which would you use?
	(Please tick all that apply) Interactive/Digital TV Text to and from your mobile
9	Overall do you find it easy to contact The Highland Council when you need to?
	(Please tick one box only) Yes 1 No 2
SI	ECTION SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES RIARACHAS LE SEIRBHEISEAN

10 The Highland Council provides a wide range of services. Please identify the service(s) you have used over the period 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 and express your satisfaction with each by placing a tick in the boxes below.

		Have Not Used Service	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Neither Satisfied /Dissatisfied	Fairly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
1	Council Service Points	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Payment of Council Tax	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Advice on Benefits	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Swimming pools	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	Other sports facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Museums	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Libraries	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Public Parks and other open spaces	1	2	3	4	5	6
9	Countryside ranger service	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Walking routes, e.g. Great Glen Way	1	2	3	4	5	6

		Have Not Used Service	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Satisfied /Dissatisfied	Fairly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
11	Cycling paths	1	2	3	4	5	6
12	Planning for future land use (Local Plan)		2	3	4	5	6
13	Planning applications and building warrants	s 🗖 1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Winter road maintenance		2	3	4	5	6
15	Road repairs and pot holes		2	3	4	5	6
16	Street cleaning		2	3	4	5	6
17	Street lighting	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
18	Pavement maintenance	1	2	3	4	5	6
19	Dealing with flooding	1	2	3	4	5	6
20	Refuse/bin collection	1	2	3	4	5	6
21	Recycling facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6
22	Economic development / Business Gatewa	y 🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
23	Environmental Health Service	1	2	3	4	5	6
24	Trading Standards	1	2	3	4	5	6
25	Public conveniences	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
26	Registrars for Births, Deaths and Marriages	51	2	3	4	5	6
27	Housing information and advice	1	2	3	4	5	6
28	Burials and cremations	1	2	3	4	5	6
29	Pre-school services	1	2	3	4	5	6
30	Primary education	1	2	3	4	5	6
31	School transport	1	2	3	4	5	6
32	Secondary education	1	2	3	4	5	6
33	Community learning / adult education	1	2	3	4	5	6
34	Care at Home services	1	2	3	4	5	6
35	Residential homes for disabled / elderly people	1	2	3	4	5	6
36	Community Occupational Therapy	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
37	Services to reduce offending	1	2	3	4	5	6
38	Breakfast and After School Clubs	1	2	3	4	5	6
39	School meals	1	2	3	4	5	6
40	Services to protect children from harm	1	2	3	4	5	6
41	Services to protect adults at risk of harm	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
42	Gaelic Pre-school services	1	2	3	4	5	6
43	Gaelic Primary Education	1	2	3	4	5	6
44	Gaelic Secondary Education	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
45	Gaelic community learning/adult education	1	2	3	4	5	6

Neither

11 From the full list shown above and on the previous page, please indicate, in order of preference, which **five** services are **most important** to you.

(e.g. if Primary education is most important to you, write '30' in the first box, etc)

1st choice

2nd choice 3rd choice

choice 4th choice

12	Overall, are you satisfied with the services The Highland Council provides?									
	(Please tick one box only)									
	Yes	1	No 2							
13	Overall, are yo	vith The Hig	hland C	ouncil ser	rvices than yo	ou were la s	st year?			
	(Please tick one	box only)								
	More Satisfied	Less Satisfied	About the Same							
	1	2	3							
4.4	If you have me		aloint chout th		n tha n	actuacr	how optiofic			
14	If you have may with how the C	·			•	•	· now saushe	ed were yc	bu	
	(Please tick one l		, ,		•					
	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Neither Satisfied /Dissatisfied	Fairly Dissatisfied	Ver Dissati		Complaint Made			
	1	2	3	4			6			
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15	If you were dis		vith how a con	nplaint was	handle	d, please	e identify the	reasons t	у	
	selecting all th (Please tick all th									
	Timescale	Quality of Response	Outcome	Other	lf other,	please detai	I:			
	1	2	3	4						
16	Please give yo	our views o	of the Council a	against the	qualitie	s shown	below.			
	(Please indicate i			-	-					
				St	rongly	Tend to	Neither agree	Tend to	Strongly	
	The Council:				Agree	Agree	or Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	
1	Maintains goo	d quality lo	cal services	[1	2	3	4	5	
2	Listens to loca	al people			1	2	3	4	5	
3	Involves peop	le in how it	spends mone	ey[1	2	3	4	5	
4	Treats all resid	dents fairly		[1	2	3	4	5	
5	Tells local peo	ple what it	is doing	[1	2	3	4	5	
6	Provides value	e for mone	y		1	2	3	4	5	
7	Is efficient				1	2	3	4	5	
8	Is helpful			[1	2	3	4	5	
9	Is approachab	le		[1	2	3	4	5	
10	Is a fair emplo	yer		[1	2	3	4	5	
11	Is aware of pe	ople's nee	ds		1	2	3	4	5	
12	Represents yo	our views			1	2	3	4	5	
13	Is environmen	tally friend	ly	[1	2	3	4	5	

17	From the list in qu	uestion 16, please	e indicate which are	most important:		
			ndicate in order of prefe			
	important to you? e.g	g. If to listen to local	people is most importa	nt to you put a 2 in the	1st box and so on)	
	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice	
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10	"I can influence de	0	. .	ava atatamant)		
		and to Neither agree	or disagree with the ab Tend to Strongly	No		
		Agree or Disagree	Disagree Disagree	Opinion		
		2 3	4 5	6		
40	Thinking concrolly	v chaut what you	ownoot from The Li	abland Council wa	uld you gov the Council:	
19				griand Council, we	ould you say the Council:	
	(Please tick one box) Greatly exceeds	ONIY) Slightly exceeds	Is about what	Falls slightly short of		
	your expectations	your expectations	you expect	your expectations	short of your expectations	
	1	2	3	4	5	
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20	The Council is cor	mmitted to provid	ing information on i	ts performance and	d wants to provide this in	
20			-		d wants to provide this in eans of communication?	
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SECTION

SATISFACTION WITH ADVICE SERVICES RIARACHAS LE SEIRBHEISEAN COMHAIRLE

Money advice, welfare rights and housing information are provided by Citizens' Advice Bureaux (CAB) across the Highlands, largely funded by the Council, and through the Council's own Money Advice and Income Maximisation Service.

21 During the period 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013, have you made contact with either a CAB of the Council's Income Maximisation/Money Advice teams for advice?

(Please tick one box only) Yes 1 (Continue to question 22)

No 2 (Go to SECTION D)

	22	Which of the following services did you contact?						
		(Please tick as many as apply)						
		Citizens' Advice Bureau						
		Highland Council Income Maximisation Service						
÷.		Highland Council Money Advice Service						
11	23	How many times have you used these services over the course of the last year?						
		(Please tick one box only) Three More than						
		Three More than Once Twice times three times						
		Citizens' Advice Bureau						
		Income Maximisation service						
	24	How did you contact the service(s)?						
- 1		(Please tick as many as apply)						
		Face to Face to Face Face by Telephone Email Drop in Appointment						
		Citizens' Advice Bureau						
		Income Maximisation service						
		Highland Council Money Advice Service						
	25	For each of the services used how satisfied were you in terms of ease of access/waiting						
		times/the way you were treated:						
		(Please tick as many as apply) Neither						
		Have Not Very Fairly Satisfied Fairly Very Used Service Satisfied Satisfied /Dissatisfied Dissatisfied						
		Citizens' Advice Bureau						
		Highland Council						
		Income Maximisation service						
		Money Advice Service						
	26	What difference did the advice received make to you?						
		(Please tick as many as apply)						
		Helped me Have access No My						
		not used Helped me benefit/ Helped me change to situation the Reduced keep my more stay in my has got service my debt benefits benefits my home situation worse						
		Citizens' Advice Bureau						
		Highland Council						
		Income Maximisation service						
		Money Advice Service						

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27 Would you use the service(s) again?

	Have not used the service	Yes	No	Don't know
Citizens' Advice Bureau		2	3	4
Highland Council Income Maximisation service Highland Council	🔲 1	2	3	4
Money Advice Service	🔲 1	2	3	4

28 Would you recommend the service(s) to others?

Citizens' Advice Bureau	Have not used the service	Yes	No 3	Don't know	Would keep my use private
Highland Council Income Maximisation service Highland Council	🔲 1	2	3	4	5
Money Advice Service	🔲 1	2	3	4	5

SECTION

COMMUNITY LIFE BEATHA COIMHEARSNACHD

The following questions ask you about the range of services available in your community.

29	To what extent does the area where you li	ve provide y	you with a s	sense of be	longing to a community?	
	(Please tick one box only)	To a great extent	To some extent	Not really	Not at all	
		_			_	
30	How involved are you in the life of your of	community	?			
	(Please tick one box only)	Very involved	Fairly involved	Not really	Not at all 4	
31	To what extent do you feel your communoutside the Highlands?	iity is accep	oting of peo	ople coming	g to live here from	
	(Please tick one box only)	To a great extent	To some extent	Not really	Not at all 4	

32 To what extent do you feel that the Council has strengthened the profile of the Gaelic language (e.g. through Gaelic education or Gaelic cultural and arts events)?

(Please tick one box only)	To a great	To some	Not	Not
	extent	extent	really	at all
	1	2	3	4

How would you rate your satisfaction with each of the following services in your community? 33

(Please tick one box for each line)	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Neither Satisfied /Dissatisfied	Fairly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Public Transport	1	2	3	4	5	6
Local Health Services	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shops	1	2	3	4	5	6
Local Schools	1	2	3	4	5	6
Leisure facilities/events	1	2	3	4	5	6
Availability of housing	1	2	3	4	5	6
Adult Social care or Social Work Services	1	2	3	4	5	6
Children's Social care or Social Work Servic	es. 🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
Services to help people into employment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access to energy savings advice	1	2	3	4	5	6

Thinking now about the neighbourhood or community you live in, how would you rate it as 34 a place to live?

(Please tick one box only)

Very Good	
1	

Fairly	Fairly
Good	Poor
2	3

Very Poor
4

No Opinion	
5	

OUTDOOR RECREATION

35	On average, have you taken v	isits to the outdoors for leisure and	recreation in Highland
	in the last 12 months?		
	(Please tick one box only)		
	More than once per day 🔲 া	Every day 🔲 2	Several times a week 🔲 🛛
	Once a week 🔲 4	Once or twice a month 🔲 5	Once every 2-3 months 🔲 6
	Once or twice 🔲 7	Never 🔲 8	
36	If you have not made any visit recreation during the last 12 m	s to the outdoors in Highland for the onths can you tell us why?	purpose of outdoor
	(Please tick all that apply)		
	Too busy 🔲 🕇	Bad/poor weather 🔲 2	Old age 🔲 🕉
	Poor health 🔲 4	Pregnant 🔲 5	Have young children 🔲 6
	Not interested at all \square 7	No access to a car 🔲 🛛	Worried about safety 🔲 🤉
	Lack of suitable paths 🔲 10	Lack of suitable places to go 🔲	Don't know where to go 12
D	on't like going on my own 🔲 13	No local clubs/assoc	tiations to join and go with 🔲
	Other 🛄 15	No particular reason 🔲	

37 Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors for leisure and recreation, which of the activities listed below would you consider to have been your MAIN activity during that visit?

- Walking 2-8 miles 2
- Hill walking\mountaineering 🔲 4
- Cycling on paths and tracks 🔲 6
 - Mountain biking 🔲 8
 - Fishing 10
 - Ski-ing on piste 12
- Swimming in the sea, rivers, lochs 14
 - Other wildlife\nature watching 🔲
 - Wild camping 18
 - Picnicking 20
 - Other 🔲 22

- Walking less than 2 miles 🔲 1
- Walking more than 8 miles 🛄 3
 - Cycling on public roads 🔲 5
- Cycling not on paths and tracks or roads \Box 7
 - Horse riding 🔲 🤉
 - (including canoeing, windsurfing, rowing & sailing)
 - Ski-ing off piste 13
 - Bird watching 15
 - Running\jogging
 - Sightseeing\ visiting attractions
 - Family outing 21

GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD

38 Are you interested in growing your own food?

Yes 1 No 2

Do you have access to either:		
Your own garden?	Yes 🔲	No 2
Someone else's garden or land?	Yes 🔲	No 2
Do you feel you would benefit from:		
Access to an allotment site?	Yes 🔲	No 2
Taking part in a community gardening project?	Yes 🔲 1	No 2
Learning more about how to grow your own food?	Yes 🔲 1	No 2
Access to tools and materials?	Yes 🔲 1	No 2
Sharing your knowledge of growing food with other people?	Yes 🔲 1	No 2

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

39 Have you contacted your Community Council, as opposed to The Highland Council, in the past year?

Yes 1 (Go to question 40) No 2 (Continue to question 41)

40	Please state the reason why you made contact with your Community Council:
	(Please tick one box only)
	A planning and development issue
	About a change in local services
	Improving the amenities of your area
	Other (Please specify):

41	Please state the	reason why	you have	not made c	contact:
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(Please tick one box only)
I had no need to contact the Community Council
I don't know how to contact the Community Council
I did not know there was a Community Council in my area
Other (Please specify):

COMMUNITY SAFETY

42	How much of a concern to you is each of the following	ng in the area	a where yo	ou live?		
	(Please tick one box for each line)	A major concern	A minor concern	Not a concern	No opinion/ don't know	
	The abuse of children	1	2	3	4	
	The abuse of vulnerable adults	1	2	3	4	
	Domestic abuse	1	2	3	4	
	Serious and Organised Crime	1	2	3	4	
	(eg Drugs/Organised Crime/Prostitution)					
	Alcohol Abuse	1	2	3	4	
	(eg Under Age Drinking/Alcohol Related Disorder)	_	_	_	_	
	Antisocial Behaviour	1	2	3	4	
	(eg Vandalism/ Breach of the Peace/Noise Nuisance))	_	_	_	_	
	Terrorism		2	3	4	
	Violent Crime	1	2	3	4	
	(eg Assault/Robbery/Gun - Knife Crimes/Gangs)					
	Road Safety	1	2	3	4	
	(eg Speeding, Drink/Drug Driving)					
	Crimes of Dishonesty	1	2	3	4	
	(eg Theft/Fraud)					
	House or property fires		2	3	4	
	Fire related anti-social behaviour	1	2	3	4	

43 How worried are you about becoming a victim of crime (in general)?

Not worried

at all

3

(Please tick one box only)

Very
worried

Slightly worried

Never considered it

44 More specifically, how worried are you about becoming a victim of the following crimes?

(Please tick one box for each line)	Very	Slightly	Not worried	Never
	worried	worried	at all	considered it
Having your home broken into	1	2	3	4
Being a victim of domestic abuse	1	2	3	4
Being attacked, assaulted or robbed in your own hom	e1	2	3	4
Being attacked, assaulted or robbed in the street	1	2	3	4
Vandalism or deliberate damage to your				
home, property or car	1	2	3	4
Having your car stolen or broken into	1	2	3	4

	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all	Never considered it
Being the victim of an attempted rape,				
or other serious sexual offence	1	2	3	4
Being insulted or threatened	1	2	3	4
Being attacked by someone who is				
under the influence of alcohol	1	2	3	4
Having your property damaged by or				
set on fire (home, outbuildings, shed, car etc)	1	2	3	4
Being the victim of any other type of crime	1	2	3	4
Other (Please specify):				

45 A hate incident or crime is motivated by prejudice or hatred of someone on the grounds below. It may be physical, verbal or written including physical attack, verbal abuse or incidents offensive posters or mail, harassment or bullying; this could be at school, work or in public places.

Are you aware of anyone (including yourself) being subjected to a hate incident or hate crime on the grounds of the following?

(Please tick one box for each line)	Amajor concern	A minor concern	Not a concern	No opinion/ don't know
Race or ethnic origin	1	2	3	4
Gender identity	1	2	3	4
Sexual orientation	1	2	3	4
Mental health	1	2	3	4
Learning disability		2	3	4
Physical disability	1	2	3	4
Religion or belief (including non-belief)	1	2	3	4
Other (Please specify):				

46 There is considerable evidence about the impact of hate incidents and hate crimes (as described above) on individuals, and communities – for example on mental health, on suicide rates, on risk taking behaviour, on feelings of safety and of belonging, of trust in social and/or civic institutions

Were you aware that such incidents can and do impact on people in this way in Highland?

Yes 🛄 1	No 2
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47 Do you do any of the following because of the possible worries about crime?

(Please tick one box for each line)	Always (Yes)	Sometimes	Never (No)
Avoid going out when it is dark	1	2	3
Avoid going out alone	1	2	3
Avoid going out at certain times	1	2	3
Avoid certain places	1	2	3
Carry a mobile phone	1	2	3
Take self-defence classes	1	2	3
Make sure your home is adequately secured	1	2	3
Make sure your vehicle is adequately secured	1	2	3
Mark your property in case it is stolen	1	2	3

48 Taking everything into account, how do you rate the area within 15 minutes walk of your home as a place to live?

Rather

unsafe area

(Please tick one box only)



A fairly safe area A very unsafe area No Opinion

EQUALITIES

As a public body, the Council has a duty to give regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - advance equality of opportunity; and
 - foster good relations.

We have an interest in understanding public attitudes towards equalities and diversity in Highland. The Council has agreed a "Fairer Highland Plan" to tackle discrimination and support equality of opportunity. The following three questions will help us to take forward our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

49 Which statement below comes closest to your own view?

(Please tick one box only)

- 1 Highland should do everything it can to get rid of all kinds of prejudice.....
- 2 Sometimes there is good reason for people to be prejudiced against certain groups.....

50 Would you rather live in an area:

(Please tick one box only)

...with lots of different kinds of people?

...where most people are similar to you?.....

51 Some people say they would be happy if a close relative of theirs married or formed a long-term relationship with someone from particular groups while others say they would be unhappy about this, even if the couple themselves were happy.

How would you feel if a close relative of yours married, or is in a civil partnership, or formed a long-term relationship with someone from the groups mentioned below?

(Please tick one box for each group)

GROUPS	Very happy	Нарру	Neither happy nor unhappy	Unhappy	Very Unhappy	lt Depends
Black and Asian	1	2	3	4	5	6
Muslim	. 1	2	3	4	5	6
Hindu	. 1	2	3	4	5	6
Jewish	. 🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
Christian	1	2	3	4	5	6
Someone who experiences depression						
from time to time	1	2	3	4	5	6
Gypsy/Traveller	1	2	3	4	5	6
Someone of the same sex as themselves	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6
Someone who cross-dresses in public	🔲 1	2	3	4	5	6

SE	CTION VOLUNTEERING GU SAOR-THOILEACH
52	Do you currently volunteer in any capacity?
	Yes (<i>Please go to question 55</i>) No (<i>Please continue to questions 53 & 54, then go to question 60</i>)
53	No - What best describes your reasons for not volunteering?
	(Please tick all that apply) Do not want to I Not sure how to I Lack of time I S Disclosure requirements I 4 Other (Please specify):

54 What do you think would encourage you to undertake work or activities on a voluntary basis?

	(Please tick all that apply
	then go to question 52)
Information about local opportunities	. 🛄 1
Information about the commitment required	. 2
If training and support were available	3
If I was certain that it would not affect my benefits	4
If I was sure I would not be out of pocket	5
If someone I knew volunteered with me	. 6
If there were more people like me volunteering	7
If I had more confidence	. 8
If I thought I could help others	. 9
If someone asked me to do something	. 10
If it would improve my skills	. 🔲 11
If it helped me gain qualifications	12
If it would improve my career/job prospects	. 13
If it fitted with my other commitments	14
If it fitted with my interests and skills	. 15
If it was good fun	. 16
If I could volunteer when I felt like it	17

55 Yes - How many voluntary activities are you involved in?

(Please tick one box only)

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56 In what capacity do you volunteer?

	(Please tick all that apply)
In your community	1
In your local school	
For a voluntary organisation, charity or community group	
In your local hospital / care home	4
For your local church / religious group	
As part of management committee/board	6
Other (Please specify):	

57 Is your voluntary work with:

	(Please tick all that apply)
A local group e.g. Scouts, Youth Club, Lunch Club	1
Older people	2
Children and younger people	
People with a disability	4
An emergency service	5
A social enterprise, community company or community trust	6
Other (Please specify):	

58 How frequently do you usually volunteer?

(Please tick one box only)
1
2
3
4
5
6
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59 If you are a volunteer, to what extent do you think The Highland Council should support voluntary organisations and their work?

(Please tick one box only)

To a great	To some	Not	Not	Don't
extent	extent	really	at all	know
1	2	3	4	5

SE	CTION ABOUT YOU THU FHÈIN
60	How long have you lived in The Highland Council area?
	(Please tick one box only) Less than 1-2 3-5 5-10 Over 10 1 year years years years years 1 2 3-5 5-10 Over 10 years years
61	Which of these best applies to you?
	(Please tick one box only)Working for a single employer full-time1Working for a single employer part-time2Working for more than one employer3Self-employed4Unable to work - long-term sickness5Unemployed6
62	Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?
	(Please tick one box only)Own home / mortgageImage: Second sec
63	Gender
	(Please tick one box only) Male 1 Female 2
64	Age
	(<i>Please tick one box only</i>) 16 - 17 1 18 - 24 2 25 - 34 3 35 - 44 45 - 54 5 55 - 64 65 - 74 7 Over 75 8
65	Disability
	Do you consider yourself to have a disability (i.e. a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect upon your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities)? (<i>Please tick one box only</i>) Yes 1 No 2
66	Families with children
	Are there school age children in your household?
	(Please tick one box only) Yes 1 No 2

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67	How would you describe your ethnicity?
A	(Please tick one box from one section (A-F) only) WHITE Scottish 1 Other British 2 Irish 3 Gypsy/Traveller 4 Polish 5 Other (please state)
В	MIXED or MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS Any Mixed or multiple ethnic group <i>(please state)</i>
С	ASIAN, ASIAN SCOTTISH or ASIAN BRITISH Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British Other (please state)
D	AFRICAN African, African Scottish or African British
Е	CARIBBEAN or BLACK Caribbean. Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British Black, Black Scottish or Black British Other <i>(please state)</i>
F	OTHER ETHNIC BACKGROUND Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British Other (please state)
68	How have you found being a citizen's panel member?
	(Please tick one box for each)My views have been listened toYes1No2UsefulYes1No2Time consumingYes1No2WorthwhileYes1No2
69	Would you like to complete future surveys electronically?
-	(Please tick one box only) Yes 1 No 2 s please provide your email address below (your anonymity will be protected): hil address

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS SURVEY

Please return your completed questionnaire in the reply paid envelope provided by 31st May 2013. NO STAMP IS NECESSARY