
From: West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan
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1.1 Name *

1.2 Are you? a community or other organisation

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1.4 Name of Organisation Small Isles Community council
(if applicable)

Select a topic to comment on Record an interest in producing a community plan

5.1 Name of place that wishes to produce its own plan Isle of Eigg, Isle of Canna, Isle of Muck

5.2 Any additional details

Out of all four Small Isles, only the Isle of Rum now has an up to date community plan.

The Eigg community plan is now several years old and the the last West Highlands and Islands Local development suggests that there is a need to carry out a plan for the crofting area at the north end of the island. The existing plan states the objective "To secure a collective, master-planned crofting community of the Township area." at the meeting of the Eigg residents on 31 March, it was agreed a new community planning exercise / site appraisal of the island would be useful for everyone to know which areas are a priority for different kinds of development.

Canna: after a difficult period of uncertainty, the island of Canna is set to see its population grow. A meeting with NTS, the island owner, on 19 March suggested that rather than build new houses, attempts should be made to repair existing derelict buildings. However, the community suggested a community planning exercise carried out jointly

between the the islanders and the NTS would be useful to identify future development areas. To give such planning statutory status would safeguard the community 'interests. The Canna Community Development Trust has made its own representation on this subject.

Isle of Muck: visits by planners have identified a blue print for development in the Port Mor area of the island but it was also felt to be useful for the community to go through a community planning exercise.

With planning guidance, and assistance from the Highland Council and organisations such as Planning Aid, the Small Isles could then have a coherent master plan which would serve their communities for the years to come.

On the model of the Rum Community Association, the Small Isles CC could apply to Awards for All for funding to carry out these plans in 2015 /2016.
