

# **Badenoch & Strathspey Committee - Local Strategic Priorities – November 2016**

## **Community / Localism**

- .Development of an effective Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership. Our aim is to achieve integrated service planning with and for the local Community
- .Support community asset transfer to benefit local communities
  - Actively work to support and progress the transfer of the Former Folk Museum, Kingussie to the Am Fasgadh Regeneration group
- .Back and support the development of strong and resilient communities throughout the Ward
  - Continue to support development of community resilience initiatives
- .Support participatory and local budgeting initiatives to encourage broader community participation
  - First event to run on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

## **Housing**

- .Create an environment where people can afford to live and work in the Ward
- .Review of provision of affordable housing and address policy change where required
- .Increase the range of affordable rented accommodation
  - By utilising Scottish government financial initiatives
- .Support designation of land exclusively for affordable housing

## **Economic Prosperity**

- .Economic regeneration and development – proactive business connections need to be promoted by, with and through THC, Business Gateway, HIE, CBP, CNPA
- .Work with partners to specifically address:
  - The lack of available land for development of light industrial units
  - The need to progress a programme of developing starter and development units
  - The business incubation concept
  - How to take advantage of the opportunities presented by A9 dualling
- .Ensure tourism outwith Aviemore and busier areas is encouraged and developed
- .Delivery of the Cairngorm and Glenmore Strategy
  - Including the redevelopment of outdoor education facilities in the Glenmore area
- .Ensure prosperity is spread across the Ward:
  - Initial economic drive to focus on areas with the highest need such as South Badenoch
- .Ensure that Highland Council jobs stay in the Ward
- .Delivery of high speed broadband to all premises in the Ward as a key driver for economic growth

## **Education**

- .Attract and retain and support suitably qualified and experienced staff for all Ward Schools
- .Consideration innovative ways of providing educational management such as 3 – 18 campus concept
- .Develop further and higher education:
  - Strengthen links to Inverness College / UHI
  - Vocational education
  - Training to offer broader learning opportunities at a local level
- .Maximise opportunities created through the new hospital development in B & S in areas such as life science, research and training
- .Strengthen and support local learning partnerships e.g. with Cairngorms Learning Partnership
- .Focus on skills and employability relevant to the local employment market:
  - Expand involvement of business and trades in skills for work opportunities
  - Utilise existing facilities such as the Janitors House in Grantown on Spey
  - Creation and development of an 'Academy' system e.g. for Care and Tourism

## **Health**

- .Support the NHS in successful delivery of a new hospital for Badenoch and Strathspey
- .Support successful redesign of services to improve access to quality health and social care for all residents of Ward 21
- .Ensure quality local care provision and access to care at home services:

- Provision of palliative and end of life care
- Dementia and dementia friendly communities
- Support adults with additional support needs through local provision e.g. Caberfeidh Horizons / The Meeting Place

.NHS Integrated Healthcare that delivers at a local level

.Support the development of Telecare and home based digital diagnosis

.Tackle social isolation

### **Transport**

.Promote the introduction of an integrated transport system across and beyond the Ward

.Rail Services - continue to lobby for:

- Additional rail commuter services
- Appropriate and discount fares
- Improved reliable timetables
- Increase carriage capacity, especially for longer distance journeys – including provision for wheelchairs users, luggage, and bikes

.Bus services

- Security of routes and service
- Better integration of bus and rail
- Accessibly for mobility
- Condition reliability of fleet

.Support the Rails to Grantown Project as a means to improve economic activity for the Ward

### **Infrastructure**

.Delivery of high speed broadband to all premises in the Ward as a key driver for economic growth

.Continue to support and input to delivery of A9 Dualling Project, ensure effective partnership working throughout and input from local communities

.Deliver a Ward road network to an improved standard

.Continue to recognise the unique climatic and geographical challenges in the Badenoch & Strathspey Ward

.Ensure appropriate winter services support to promote the economic development of Badenoch & Strathspey

.Delivery of a safe, accessible and fully connected off road network between communities that link the communities in B & S