**Review of the Highland Scheme of Establishment**

**for Community Councils 2018/19**

**Consultation Phase**

The Highland Council is reviewing the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils in line with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The Council agreed proposals to amend the Scheme at a Special Meeting of the Council in January and these proposals will now be subject to a three month public consultation. The proposals are set out in the Scheme documentation which can be found here: [www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview](http://www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview)

We want to hear from Community Councils and the wider public about their views of these proposals and seek any further ideas or suggestions for changes to the Scheme. The consultation will run from 1 March 2019 until 31 May 2019.

Feedback can be provided by:

* Email: ccreview@highland.gov.uk
* By post: Chief Executive’s Office, Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX
* By completing the online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCReview1819>

**Respondent Information**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **I am responding as:***(please delete as appropriate)* | * An individual
* An individual Community Councillor
* On behalf of a Community Council
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| **Location:** | * Caithness
* Sutherland
* Skye
* Ross and Cromarty
 | * Lochaber
* Inverness
* Nairn
* Badenoch and Strathspey
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**Key Questions**

***Boundaries***

There are a series of proposals to change Community Council boundaries as a result of initial engagement with Community Councils. These changes are set out at 4.1 of the Scheme document. In addition, two specific area based reviews have been highlighted for boundaries within Caithness and Inverness. There will be specific local discussion with Community Councils in these areas.

1. What are your views on the boundary changes proposed within the Scheme at section 4.1?

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1. Are there other boundary changes which you would wish to propose? Please explain briefly the reason for any proposed changes.

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***Scheme Document***

There are a number of proposals to amend the Scheme based on feedback already received from Community Councils. These include changes to:

* Eligibility
	+ Moving out-with the area (Scheme 6.1.3 and 11.1)
	+ Co-opted members and abeyance (Scheme 6.2.6).
	+ Increasing co-option (Scheme 6.2.6, 6.3 Const. 7.1)
* Associate Membership (Scheme 5.2 Standing Orders 4.1)
* Youth Membership (Scheme 5.7)
* Electronic Ballot (Scheme 6.2.5)
* Code of Conduct (Standing Orders 4.1)
* Financial Formula (Scheme 9.6)

A series of general scheme amendments to update the current Scheme documentation, including points of clarification, can be found at the following link: [www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview](http://www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview)

1. Do you agree with the proposed changes to the Scheme?

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1. Are there any of the proposed changes which you would not agree with? Please explain why.

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1. Are there other changes to the Scheme that you would wish to propose? Please explain the reasons for any proposed changes.

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***Any other comments***

1. Are there any other suggestions or comments that you would wish to make in relation to the review of the Community Council Scheme?

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