**Review of the Highland Scheme of Establishment**

**for Community Councils 2018/19**

**Consultation - Phase 2**

The Highland Council is reviewing the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils in line with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Initial proposals to amend the Scheme were agreed at a Special Meeting of the Council in January 2019. In light of feedback from consultation between March and May 2019, proposed changes were reviewed by the Community Council Steering Group and agreed for a final phase of consultation at a Council meeting on 27th of June 2019.

**In this final period of consultation,** **we want to hear further views on these proposals, from Community Councils and the wider public before they are finalised.**

The consultation will run until **26th of August 2019**. Following this feedback, a Special Council meeting will be asked to consider and agree a new Scheme for Community Councils on 5th of September 2019. This will allow for the new Scheme to be in place for the start of the election process on 23rd of September 2019.

The **proposals** are set out in the Scheme documentation which can be found [here](http://www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview).[[1]](#footnote-1)

A **summary of feedback** from the first round of consultation can be found [here](https://www.highland.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/75485/item_21_review_of_the_highland_scheme_of_establishment_for_community_councils_2018-19_%E2%80%93_phase_1_feedback).[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Feedback can be provided by:**

* Email: [ccreview@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ccreview@highland.gov.uk)
* By post: Chief Executive’s Office, Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX

**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 | |
| **Location:** | * Caithness * Sutherland * Skye * Ross and Cromarty | * Lochaber * Inverness * Nairn * Badenoch and Strathspey |

**Key Questions**

***Boundaries***

Proposals to change Community Council boundaries and accompanying maps can be found online at the Community Council Scheme Review page of the Highland Council website: [www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview](http://www.highland.gov.uk/schemereview)

Discussion with Community Councils in these areas is ongoing.

1. What are your views on the boundary changes proposed (please note which Community Council boundary you are commenting on)?

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***Scheme Document***

Based on prior feedback received from Community Councils, proposals to amend the scheme fall into **5** broad categories. 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)
* Membership:
  + 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)

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1. Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to the Scheme?

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1. If you disagree with any proposal, please provide more detail on why.

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***Any other comments***

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

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