

# Caithness and Sutherland Delivery Programme Prògram Lìbhrigidh Ghallaidh agus Chataibh

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This constitutes the Action Programme for the  
Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan)



This Delivery Programme sets out the infrastructure and development required to support the implementation of the vision, spatial strategy, policies and proposals of the [Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan \(CaSPlan\)](#). Its purpose is to provide information for identifying, monitoring and implementing the actions for delivering future growth in the area. It will be used to help identify which infrastructure projects will be subject to developer contributions requirements and as a tool for coordinating investment in development and infrastructure.

We will continue to work with partners and relevant stakeholders to review and where appropriate amend the Delivery Programme as infrastructure is delivered, opportunities for new development are presented and as pressures change over time. Some actions from previous versions may no longer appear, for instance as projects are completed.

Developer contributions towards the delivery of the infrastructure projects shown in this Delivery Programme may be required from sites located within and outwith relevant settlements. For secondary school and community facility projects, developer contributions may be sought on a secondary school catchment area basis. Therefore, please check the relevant Main Settlement(s) to identify developer contribution requirements.

The Delivery Programme constitutes the Action Programme for CaSPlan; having an action programme is a statutory requirement of the local development plan making process.

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# 1. Strategic Infrastructure Improvements

ACTIONS		TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
Type	Infrastructure Project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Utilities	<p><b>Enhanced High Voltage Electricity Network</b> Delivery of an enhanced high voltage electricity transmission grid to meet national targets for electricity generation, climate change targets and security of energy supply. Projects currently planned by SHE Transmission include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Caithness-Moray HVDC: High Voltage Direct Current connection to Moray incorporating a HVDC Converter Station at Spittal.</li> <li>o Shetland Reinforcement: Incorporating a HVDC circuit to connect to the Caithness-Moray HVDC via a Switching Station in the vicinity of Noss Head, Wick.</li> <li>o Orkney Strategic Reinforcement: Upgrading of the subsea connection to Orkney from the Caithness Coast.</li> <li>o Beaully-Loch Buidhe: Replacement of the existing 132kV overhead line with a new 275kV overhead line.</li> <li>o Lairg-Loch Buidhe: A new substation in the vicinity of Lairg with an overhead line connection to a substation being built at Loch Buidhe, north of Bonar Bridge.</li> <li>o Gills Bay Radial: Provision of a 132kV overhead line , with cabled sections, from the planned Thurso South substation to a new 132/33kV substation at Mey, Gills Bay.</li> </ul>	By 2021 (Scotland wide project)	£7 Billion (Scotland wide project)	SSE Transmission, The Highland Council (THC)	
	Project Refinement stage				
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	Early development stage				
	Project assessment stage				
	Early development stage				
	Project refinement stage				

	<b>Area of Coordinated Action: Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters</b> Support a coordinated approach to planning for energy-related and other key development	Ongoing	Not known	Scottish Government, THC, Marine Scotland, Orkney Islands Council (OIC)	
Utilities	<b>National Digital Fibre Network</b> Delivery of enhanced digital infrastructure which is vital for continued sustainable economic growth	2020	£146M (across whole of HIE area)	Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), BT, Other Public Sector Bodies	Roll out has reached 86% of premises in Highlands and Islands. Currently more than 80 structures providing a fibre-based service to customers have been installed in Caithness and Sutherland.
	<b>Local Access to Full Fibre Network</b> Partnership bid to the UK Government's Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) programme for £4.7m funding to provide full fibre networks in Inverness Fort William Wick and Thurso.	Contract finalised by Dec 2018, Build 2019/2010, Services 2021	£4.7M	UK Government, THC, UHI, HIE, SNH	Expected to provide Gigabit capability to 175 public sector sites and stimulate greater commercial investment
	<b>Improving Drinking Water Quality</b> • Londornoch Water Treatment Works – enhance treatment by providing duplicate process stream to allow planned maintenance	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	• Newmore Water Treatment Works – improving the existing treatment process by automation of key chemical dosing processes and improved filter washing	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	• Achmelvich Water Treatment Works – ensure water quality consistently meets the standards, by decommissioning the water treatment works and supplying from the Lochinver system	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	• Savalbeg Water Treatment Works – ensure water quality consistently meets the standards, by automating chemical dosing systems, increasing Dynas and filter capacity and providing additional storage	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan
	<b>Improving Water Services and Supply Resilience</b> • Lochinver Water Treatment Works supply system – improving water availability by augmenting the available water supply by securing abstraction from a nearby loch	By 2021	Not known	Scottish Water	Included within Scottish Water's 2015-2021 Business Plan

<b>Health Service</b>	Caithness General Hospital asset life extension	2017-2021	£5.3M	NHS Highland	Information taken from the latest NHS Capital Programme. Awaiting status update from NHS Highland.
	Lawson Memorial Hospital site rationalisation (proposed – under discussion with Scottish Government)	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	Information taken from the latest NHS Capital Programme. Awaiting status update from NHS Highland.
	Caithness adult health and social care services redesign	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	Public consultation run Aug to Nov 2018 on proposals for two Care Hubs to be established (Wick and Thurso)
	North Sutherland health and social care redesign - Proposed Hub facility identified for Tongue	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland, THC	NHS Highland announced in Sept 2018 that a site for 'Hub' facility has been identified in Tongue, situated beside the Health Centre and Kyle Day Care Centre.

## 2. Economic Development Sites

ACTIONS	TIMESCALES	COST	DELIVERY	
			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
<b>Dounreay</b> Site decommissioning, restoration and after-use of the Dounreay site in accordance with Dounreay Planning Framework 2.	2030	£2.9 Billion	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, The Highland Council (THC)	Planning permission granted June 2018 for Phase 3 of decommissioning which will cover all development to achieve Interim End State.
<b>Dounreay</b> Continuing review of the potential options for the re-use of the Dounreay site with the site owner, regulators, the local public and stakeholder groups.	Not known	Not known	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, THC	
<b>Forss Business and Energy Park</b> Existing business park with office, workshop and storage space available	Ongoing	Not known	Abbey Ecosse	
<b>Georgemas Junction</b> Strategic rail freight and transport hub	Ongoing	Not known	Network Rail, Stoerhouse Highlands, Highland Timber Transport Group, Forestry Commission Scotland, other stakeholders	Woodfuel biomass heat and power plant granted consent in October 2015.
<b>Gills Harbour</b> Potential to become a service base for the marine renewables sector	Ongoing	Not known	Gills Harbour Ltd (GHL)	GHL announced expansion plans costing up to £3 million in July 2018. Support for expansion of GHL has been expressed by Atlantis and other maritime/renewables companies. Business Case for the expansion now being prepared.
<b>Janetstown Industrial Estate</b> Long term established site with undeveloped serviced plots	Ongoing	Not known	Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)	
<b>Seater Waste Management Facility</b> Landfill restoration programme	2019/2020	£1.25M	THC	

## 4. Town Centre Strategy

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Caithness and Sutherland Town Centre Strategy

The [Caithness and Sutherland Town Centre Strategy](#) aims to support the delivery of CaSPlan by outlining a number of potential actions that may be undertaken to improve the vitality and amenity of the main town centres in the area: Brora, Dornoch, Golspie, Thurso and Wick. The Strategy was adopted as Supplementary Guidance in October 2020.

An associated Action Programme, outlining steps that may be taken by a range of individuals and bodies to improve their town centres, has been drawn together by officers in consultation with Ward Members and the parties mentioned in it.

## 5. Main Settlements

ACTIONS			TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
Type	Infrastructure Project	Developer contributions required towards infrastructure project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Settlement Name	<b>ARDGAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 homes allocated</li> <li>• 2 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Settlement Name	<b>BONAR BRIDGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 homes allocated</li> <li>• 0.7 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - BB01 Cherry Grove	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Settlement Name	<b>BRORA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72 homes allocated</li> <li>• 10 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - BR03 East Brora Muir	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Settlement Name	<b>CASTLETOWN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 119 homes allocated</li> <li>• 18 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Transport	Tree lined boulevard connection between Traill Street and Castlehill	Allocations CT02, CT07, CT10 as shown in CaSPlan required to contribute.	Not known	Not known	Developers	Initial phase of connection incorporated within planning permission at former Castlehill Steading (16/00927/FUL)



Settlement Name	<b>DORNOCH</b> • 310 homes allocated • 5.1 ha employment land allocated					
Community Facility	Renovate former Police Station to create Dornoch Hub - which includes business space, studios and workshop space, community room, seasonal staff accommodation and gym.	All housing development within Dornoch Academy catchment required to contribute towards eligible components of the wider scheme.	Not known	£406K awarded from Scottish Land Fund for purchase and £521k secured for refurbishment	Dornoch Area Community Interest Company (DACIC)	Refurbishment work started Sept 2020. Due for completion March 2021.
Community Facility	Development of multi-purpose sports and community centre	All housing development within Dornoch Academy catchment required to contribute.	Not known	£2.9 build costs. Land purchase supported by Scottish Land Fund £ 216k March 20. Phase 1 is vehicle park for cars, coaches & motor homes. Funding applications for phase 1 made to RTIF & DCG with TCF & Crown Estates to follow	Dornoch Area Community Interest Company (DACIC). In partnership with Dornoch & District Community Assoc (DADCA) and North Highland Curling Trust (NHCT)	Following loss of funding for new community centre (DADCA) and sports hall (Dornoch Academy), latest project announced in April 2018 at land known as Dornoch South on Shore Road. Feasibility Study for Project Curlew supported by Scottish Land Fund 2019. Project includes curling rink, wedding venue, community, leisure and cultural centre. Phased approach. Planning application lodged Sep 2020 for vehicle park phase 1 and MUGA phase 2.
Planning Policy	Dornoch Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Settlement Name	<b>EDDERTON</b> • 65 homes allocated • 0.4 ha employment land allocated					
Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - ET02 West of Station Road	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	

Settlement Name	<b>GOLSPIE</b> • 79 homes allocated • 9 ha employment land allocated					
Community Facility	Provision of over roof for existing facilities to provide 'indoor/covered' multi-use games area at land north of Golspie Primary School.	All housing development within Golspie Primary School catchment required to contribute.	2026	£400K+	Sutherland Community Sports & Recreation Hub, HLH	
Community Facility	Sutherland Swimming Pool - creation of a studio and free weights area	All housing development within Golspie High School catchment required to contribute.	2023	£650K	HLH, THC	
Planning Policy	Appraisal of potential Golspie Conservation Area - Appraisal to consider the creation of a new Conservation Area for Golspie's historic core	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Water	Golspie Flood Protection Scheme/Natural Flood Management Scheme - Includes a Flood Protection Study and permissions necessary for preferred solution. Will allow for grant bid to be submitted.	N/A	By 2023	£348K identified in Council's capital programme for carrying out study and planning permission. Total cost of scheme not yet known.	THC, SNH	A hydraulic model of the coastal frontage has been completed.  Economic analysis is currently ongoing.
Settlement Name	<b>HALKIRK</b> • 63 homes allocated • 2.4 ha employment land allocated					
Community Facility	Halkirk cemetery extension at HK03 North East of Old Parish Church	N/A	2017-2027	Not known	THC, landowner	
Community Facility	New sports and leisure centre in Halkirk - Includes indoor sports pitch, gym, leisure suite	All housing development within	Not known	Estimated £1.5M total cost	Halkirk Community	HCSF webpage states approx. 40% of capital cost

	etc.	Thurso High School catchment required to contribute. Project identified within Halkirk section of CaSPlan.			Sports Foundation (HCSF)	already secured. Planning permission granted in Oct 2007 (06/00278/FULCA) for sports facilities including sports centre.
Water	Halkirk Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) - To identify who is responsible to undertake works and allow grant bid to be submitted.	N/A	2021	£56K	THC, Scottish Water	Initial meetings held with Scottish Water to progress the plan.
Settlement Name	<b>HELMSDALE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 homes allocated</li> <li>• 2 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Planning Policy	Appraisal of potential Helmsdale Conservation Area - Appraisal to consider the creation of a new Conservation Area for Helmsdale's historic core	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Settlement Name	<b>LAIRG</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68 homes allocated</li> <li>• 2.4 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Community Facility	Lairg Police Station - proposed acquisition for community run Tourist Hostel Social Enterprise	N/A	2018-2021	Currently under investigation	Lairg and District Community Initiatives, Police Scotland Authority	Subject to community acquisition under Community Empowerment Act
Community Facility	Gunn's Wood (69 Ha) - proposed acquisition for community woodland use	N/A	2018-2021	Currently under investigation/ acquisition via Scottish Land Fund	Lairg and District Community Initiatives, Forestry Commission	Subject to community acquisition under Community Empowerment Act
Community Facility	Former Sutherland Arms (allocation LA03 in CaSPlan) - Proposed Care and Well-Being Centre (Extra Care Housing and Community Hub)	N/A	Operational by 2022	Estimated £3M total cost	Lairg and District Community Initiatives	Currently working on site layout and design, pre-planning application stage

Planning Policy	Developer led Masterplan - LA01 South-west of Main Street	N/A	Not known	Not known	Developer	
Transport	Community led project to develop footpath alongside A836 to Lairg Station from Little Loch Shin Dam	N/A	2018-2021	Currently under investigation/development (estimated £150K)	Lairg and District Community Initiatives, THC	Currently subject to an application for Sustrans funding.
Settlement Name	<b>LOCHINVER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 homes allocated</li> <li>• 4 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Settlement Name	<b>LYBSTER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 homes allocated</li> <li>• 1.8 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Planning Policy	Lybster Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan. With view to the potential extension to include the historic harbour area.	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Schools	Wick High School - Major extension to secondary school	All housing development within school catchment required to contribute at major extension rates.	Extension dependent upon rate of development - capacity issue from years 2-5 of SRF.	£500K committed in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog to relieve accommodation pressure.	THC	
Settlement Name	<b>THURSO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 363 homes allocated</li> <li>• 63 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Community Facility	Community woodland west of Thurso - Partly associated with allocation TS04 Thurso West	N/A	Not known	Not known	Landowner, other stakeholders, potential for part delivery by compensatory planting from	

					windfarm development(s).	
Community Facility	Development of a Thurso Community Sports Hub (TCSH) including new 6 lane running track and indoor sports hall at allocation TS11 Viewfirth Park	All housing development within Thurso High School catchment required to contribute.	Not known	Estimated at £2M	TCSH, SportsScotland, HLH	TCSH currently seeking funding HLH working collaboratively with the HC, and sportsScotland to assist with the development and delivery of the identified facilities as part of a wider sports strategy
Employment	Scrabster Harbour - Redevelopment of St Ola Pier to provide a doubled-sided pier 250m-280m long. The enhanced facilities will be able to better service the energy industry and cater for more cruise ships.	N/A	Construction began June 2020. Revised completion date of September 2021.	Project budget £19.9M. Funding includes: £5M from NDA, £3M from HIE.	Scrabster Harbour Trust, Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership, HIE, NDA.	Construction works underway
Employment	Scrabster Mains Low Carbon & Renewables Enterprise Area at TSTS16 Land at Scrabster Mains Farm - Planning permission 14/00418/FUL for the creation of 11 serviced industrial plots together with a new access road from the A9 Trunk Road.	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Scrabster Harbour Trust, Scottish Government, HIE	
Planning Policy	Thurso West Development Brief - Council to produce a development brief for allocation TS04. Developer-led masterplan may come forward before the Brief if it addresses the requirements identified in CaSPlan regarding site TS04.	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC, landowners and other relevant stakeholders	
Planning Policy	Thurso Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan	N/A	2017-2027	No capital cost	THC	
Schools	Miller Academy Primary School - Additional ELC and primary accommodation	N/A	Investment in ELC accommodation - original Scottish Government timescales were Aug 2020.	£1.25M committed for ELC and primary accommodation in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.		

Schools	Pennyland Primary School - Refurbishment of ELC accommodation and external play areas	N/A	Investment in ELC provision - original Scottish Government timescales were Aug 2020.	£350K committed for ELC in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.	THC	
Schools	Thurso High School - Adaptations required to improve accessibility and car park	N/A	TBC	£350K committed in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.		
Transport	Thurso Distributor/Relief Road - Creation of a new distributor road to open up land for development and better connect communities and places of work. The road must be designed to allow for future extension and upgrading to form the relief road. The distributor road is to be delivered by developers as part of the Thurso West proposals.	Allocations TS03 and TS04 as shown in CaSPlan required to contribute.	Not known	Not known	THC, landowners, developers, other relevant stakeholders	
Water	River Thurso Flood Protection Scheme - Includes a Flood Protection Study and permissions necessary for preferred solution. Will allow for grant bid to be submitted.	N/A	By 2023	£343K identified in Council's capital programme for carrying out study and planning permission. Total cost of scheme not yet known.	THC, SNH	A hydraulic model of the River Thurso has been completed.  Economic analysis is currently ongoing.
Settlement Name	<b>TONGUE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32 homes allocated</li> <li>• 3.9 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Community Facility	North Sutherland health and social care redesign - Proposed Hub facility identified for Tongue	N/A	Not known	Not known	NHS Highland	NHS Highland announced in Sept 2018 that a site for 'Hub' facility has been identified in Tongue, situated beside the Health Centre and Kyle Day Care Centre.

Schools	Tongue Primary School - Additional ELC accommodation	N/A	Investment in ELC provision - original Scottish Government timescales were Aug 2020.	£525K committed for ELC in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.	THC	
Settlement Name	<b>WICK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 307 homes allocated</li> <li>• 63 ha employment land allocated</li> </ul>					
Energy	Wick District Heating System - Expansion of existing network by encouraging existing property owners and businesses and new developments (both public and private sectors) to connect to the district heating system	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Ignis Biomass, THC, property/business owners, other stakeholders	
Planning Policy	Wick Conservation Area - Delivery of a Conservation Area Appraisal and preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan. THI/CARS scheme underway and nearing completion.	N/A	2019 - 2020	No capital cost for Conservation Area Appraisal (£1.5M previously awarded for CARS)	THC	Conservation Area Management Plan work commenced early 2019.
Schools	Wick High School - Major extension required to secondary school	All housing development within school catchment required to contribute at major extension rates.	Extension dependent upon rate of development - capacity issue from years 2-5 of SRF.	£500K committed in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog to relieve accommodation pressure.	THC	
Schools	Newton Park Primary - Additional ELC accommodation	N/A	Investment in ELC accommodation - original Scottish Government timescales were Aug 2020.	£250K committed for ELC in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.	THC	

## 6. Other Areas

ACTIONS				TIMESCALES	COST and FUNDING	DELIVERY	
Type	Settlement/ Location	Infrastructure Projects	Developer contributions required towards infrastructure project			Lead and Supporting Delivery Partners	Status
Employment	A'Mhoine peninsula	Emergent proposals for a new vertical launch spaceport facility for use by the space industry to launch satellites into orbit.	N/A	HIE expect planning application lodged late 2019 with operational target in early 2020s.	£17.3M total funding package agreed	HIE, private sector	UK Space Agency (UKSA) announced it funding to the vertical launch site in Sutherland on 15 July 2018. Planning application 20/00616/FUL granted 05/08/2020. Wildland Limited have launched a petition for a Judicial Review
Community Facility	Bettyhill	Strathnaver Museum - Redevelop as a heritage hub for north west Sutherland	N/A	Work scheduled to begin early 2021 with completion of build late 2022. Interpretation installed Dec to Mar 2023. The refurbished attraction will officially launch April 2023.	Total cost not known. £29K LEADER funding secured in Feb 2018 towards development work to produce architects plans, costings and developed museum designs. Capital costs £1,924,134 of which £399,731 is towards interpretation and museum design.	Strathnaver Museum Trust, The Highland Council (THC)	Architects Drawings and Developed Museum Design produced to RIBA Stage 3. Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent approved June 2019. Community Asset Transfer for land for Annex building approved by THC August 2019. Funding secured to date (11/11/20)



					Other costs associated with the project include Activity Programme, Marketing, Evaluation etc and amounts to £259,941 from Jan 2021 to Dec 2023.		£921,432. Stage II application to NLHF to be decided 2nd December for £657,300. Other pending applications total £609,043. All funding to be secured by December 2020 to meet conditions of Natural Cultural Heritage Fund Award of £650,000.
Community Facility	Bettyhill	North Coast Leisure Centre - Addition of multi-purpose facility adjacent to Farr Secondary School including new dance studio	All housing development within Farr Secondary school catchment required to contribute.	2028	£600K	Tongue and Farr Sports Association, HLH	within the HLH 10 year capital programme
Transport	Bettyhill	Naver Bridge on the A836 between Tongue and Thurso - Replacement of existing bridge	N/A	Construction expected around 2025/2026	£6.9M	THC	
Community Facility	Caithness	Caithness Broch Project - Authentic construction of replica iron-age broch to provide tourist attraction and education facility. Preferred location near John O Groats.	N/A	Not known	Not known	The Caithness Broch Project, other relevant stakeholders and funding providers	
Transport	Caithness and Sutherland	Far North Line - HITRANS are currently exploring the feasibility of a sleeper service to Caithness.	N/A	Not known	Not known	HITRANS, Abellio	
Environment	Caithness and Sutherland	Application to and consideration by UNESCO for Flow Country to be identified as a World Heritage Site on the basis of the outstanding universal value of its habitats and bird populations, to provide high level status to the site and additional	N/A	2019 - 2024 (Technical Evaluation submitted to DCMS December 2019)	Not known	The Peatlands Partnership	Application is currently on UNESCO's Tentative List

		protection.					
Transport	Caithness and Sutherland	John O Groats Trail (JOGT) - Coastal walking route between Inverness and John O' Groats aimed at improving walking access for the community and boosting the local tourism economy.	N/A	2020 target is to have a fully marked route. 2025 target is for the whole route to have a prepared surface.	£100K funding to date which is expected to achieve 2020 target. Additional funding being sought for further improvements. Estimated total cost is £5M.	Friends of John O Groats Trail (FOJOGT), other volunteer groups, THC.	FOJOGT/JOGT formed in June 2016. At present 95% is marked rough trail.
Environment	Coigach – Assynt	Coigach & Assynt Living Landscape (CALL) project - One of the largest landscape restoration projects in Europe, aiming to benefit the land, the people and the local economy in Coigach and Assynt.	N/A	2016-2021	£4.7M (funding primarily from Heritage Lottery Fund)	Coigach & Assynt Living Landscape (CALL) and their partner organisations	
Transport	Dornoch-Embo	Dornoch-Embo Road - Improvements	N/A	Not known	Not known	THC	
Transport	Far North Line	Far North Line service improvements - Far North Line Review Group to co-ordinate activities and look at opportunities to improve performance on the line	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Scottish Government, Abellio, Network Rail	Network Rail and Transport Scotland are working towards an Options Appraisal stage.
Transport	Highland Scenic Routes	Highland Scenic Routes - Anticipated that the Scottish Government Scenic Route initiative will be launched more widely in 2016 which would allow for identification of more sites which could be potentially upgraded.	N/A	2023	£475K (Highland wide)	THC, Scot Gov	Scot Gov did not launch a second round of the competition. Council funding has now been withdrawn.
Transport	John O Groats	Reinstatement of path between John O Groats and the Ness of Duncansby.	N/A	Not known	Not known	John O'Groats Development Trust, JOG 2 Ltd	

Community Facility	John O Groats	John O Groats Mill - Restoration of the former mill building to form the focus for a range of new cultural, commercial, community and educational activities.	N/A	Depending on funding, construction could commence late 2019 with completion by 2022.	Estimated at £2M	John O Groats Mill Trust, North Highland Initiative	Funding secured in July 2018 for preparation of drawings and business case. Outcome of application for Stage 2 funding (purchase of mill and development) was expected in 2019.
Schools	Keiss	Keiss Primary - Additional ELC accommodation	N/A	Investment in ELC accommodation by Aug 2020.	£600K committed for ELC and primary accommodation in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.		
Transport	Kinbrace	Kinbrace railway station - Branchliner Project involves the development of a lineside timber loading facility.	N/A	Investigation study completed in 2017	Funding (£30K) for an investigative study has been confirmed.	HITRANS, Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), Highland Timber Transport Group, THC	Investigation (completed 2017) found even with Mode Shift Revenue Support, difference between road and rail costs that would require to be bridged if rail transport from Kinbrace was to become viable.
Community Facility	Kinlochbervie	Loch Clash Harbour - Redevelopment into a community-owned facility	N/A	Not known	Not known	Kinlochbervie Community, HIE	
Transport	Melvich	Bighouse Bridge - Upgrade to allow it to reopen to the public	N/A	Not known	£185K	THC	On hold/under review

Employment	North West Sutherland	Proposals by Wildland Ltd for the creation and enhancement of clusters of high quality tourist accommodation and leisure facilities together with associated infrastructure improvements at locations across their estates.	N/A	Ongoing	Not known	Wildland Ltd	Various planning applications have come forward and been consented for erection of new facilities and alterations and redevelopment of existing structures.
Community Facility	Port Chamuill, Loch Eriboll	Port Chamuill at Loch Eriboll - Creation of a community-owned harbour	N/A	Not known	Not known	Durness Development Group	
Schools	Reay	Reay Primary School - Additional ELC accommodation	N/A	Investment in ELC provision by Aug 2020.	£350K committed for ELC in 2019 update to THC Capital Prog.	THC	
Community Facility	Rogart	Rogart auction mart - Redevelopment as a multi-purpose indoor/outdoor space	N/A	2021	SLF and Gordonbush Community Fund have awarded £150K towards purchase cost and project development. SSE Highlands Sustainable Fund have awarded £45K towards refurbishment.	Rogart Development Trust, Gordonbush Community Fund, SLF, SSE Highlands Sustainable Fund.	
Community Facility	Scourie	Creation of new visitor centre and community hub which will also promote the North West Highlands Geopark and house the "Shelley Collection" (a nationally important collection of geological specimens).	N/A	Not known	Not known	Scourie Community Development Company Ltd	Plans currently under development
Water	Watten	Watten Waste Water Treatment Works - Waste water capacity limited to additional 35 housing units. Further development should await completion of sewage treatment works.	N/A	Not known	Not known	Scottish Water, developers	



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