

The Highland Council

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Report No	DSA/3/26

Committee: Dingwall and Seaforth

Date: 9 February 2026

Report Title: Housing Repairs and Capital Report – 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information on how the Housing Service performed in relation to Scottish Social Housing Charter and other performance indicators up to 31 December 2025.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to **note** the information provided on housing performance in the period 1 April 2025 – 31 December 2025.

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** - There are no resource implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 **Legal** - There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 3.3 **Risk** - Risk is managed through regular review and reporting to allow corrective action to be taken if necessary.
- 3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.5 **Gaelic** - There are no Gaelic implications arising from this report.

4 Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.

4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.

4.3 This is a monitoring report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

5 Background

5.1 The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) has set out the performance indicators that it will use in its scrutiny of landlords.

5.2 This report provides key performance information based on the reporting framework recommended by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

5.3 Further performance information by Council Ward can be found on the Highland Council Intranet ward reporting pages:-
http://www.highland.gov.uk/staffsite/info/13/members_intranet/37/ward_reporting/2

5.4 In accordance with the Scottish Social Housing Charter guidance, the Repairs, figures are cumulative.

5.5 Scottish Housing Network (SHN) benchmark information, derived from the performance of all Scottish Landlords, has also been provided where available.

6 Repairs

6.1 The key indicators for measuring repairs performance are considered to be the average time taken to complete Emergency repairs and Non-emergency repairs.

6.2 The average length of time taken to complete Emergency repairs is calculated in hours.

6.3 **Table 1: Average length of time taken to complete emergency repairs (hours)**
Target 12 hours
2024/25 SHN Benchmark (Group) – 3.9 hours

EME	No of Houses	2024/25		2025/26		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Dingwall & Seaforth	1,122	5.3	11.0	4.7	3.5	3.9
Highland	15,351	4.8	3.5	4.9	3.9	4.2

6.4 The average response time for emergency repairs in Dingwall and Seaforth remains well within the 12-hour target. Emergency repairs remain a priority for the service.

6.5 Non-emergency repairs are measured in working days.

6.6 **Table 2: Average length of time taken to complete non-emergency repairs (days)**
Target 8.9 days
2024/25 SHN Benchmark (Group) – 9.1 days

NON-EME	No of Houses	2024/25		2025/26		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Dingwall & Seaforth	1,122	9.4	11.0	9.0	8.2	9.0
Highland	15,351	7.1	7.7	6.5	6.8	7.3

6.7 The average completion time for non-emergency repairs in Dingwall and Seaforth has shown improvement this quarter, although it remains slightly above the 8.9-day target. Efforts are being made to reduce current performance back to within target.

6.8 In gathering the information for repairs indicators, we do not include instances where we have been unable to gain access to properties. This is in accordance with the Scottish Social Housing Charter guidance.

7 Void Management

7.1 The chart below provides information on the average re-let time, showing the trend for the last 5 Quarters.

7.2 **Table 3: Average re-let time (days) Target 55.6 days**
2024/25 SHN Benchmark (Group) – 60.6 days

Avg relet time, ARC	No of Houses	No of relets	2024/25		2025/26		
			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Dingwall & Seaforth	1,122	52	62.84	61.62	56.29	57.12	57.00
Highland	15,351	915	54.60	58.16	47.53	46.10	44.57

7.3 Average re-let time for void properties in Dingwall and Seaforth has improved this quarter but still exceeds the 35-day target. The team continue to prioritise voids performance to reduce turnarounds times further.

8 Capital Programme

8.1 The 2022–2027 Capital Investment Programme continues to support key areas of planned investment; Capital Investment Programmes provides for:-

- replacement of key building components at end of lifecycle;
- heating system upgrades and energy efficiency improvements;
- delivery of aids and adaptations; and
- support for local building maintenance teams to address component failures

The programme balances long-term asset management priorities with responsive and needs-led delivery.

8.2 Current Programme Delivery

The Dingwall and Seaforth capital programmes have progressed across multiple work streams, with significant achievements to date. The table below summarises key projects and their current status:-

Programme Code	Work Type	Status
CSH21006	Window and Doors	Complete
CSH22013	Roofing	Complete
CSH22014	Windows and Doors	Complete
CSH24009	Rewire	Onsite
CSH24019	Heating	Complete
CSH25007	Windows and Doors	Planning

There has been a strong level of investment in the area throughout the 2022–2027 programme. Most budget allocations have now been fully utilised or committed to the projects listed above. Looking ahead the 2026/27 mainstream programme will prioritise identifying properties that require upgrades, ensuring the remaining budget is effectively deployed to deliver maximum value for the area.

8.3 D-C Programme

Our Housing Investment Team has worked closely with the Climate Change and Energy Team throughout 2025/26 to identify and access external funding opportunities aimed at securing fully funded measures across the Highlands. This collaborative approach has been central to the success of the programme to date.

Through ECO4 funding, properties across the Highlands have received fully funded energy efficiency measures.

This external investment has helped offset pressures on the local planned capital budget. However, the programme is currently on pause while we await a review of the impact of the government's decision to remove support for ECO funding. Despite this, we remain committed to working with contractors and partners to identify alternative funding streams and continue delivering improvements wherever possible.

8.4 One-off Capital Programme

Local teams continue to deliver one-off capital works to address component failures. Current budget allocations are being managed effectively to meet local demand. Teams are actively monitoring expenditure against available budgets and, where necessary, will implement measures to minimise financial impact. These measures include:-

- reprofiling any underspend within one-off budget lines;
- utilising the contingency budget where appropriate; and
- restricting authorisations for replacements to failure-only cases

8.5 Environmental Capital Projects

The local team has carried out a number of environmental works in the year-to-date incurring expenditure of £28k against a budget of £66k. The team will arrange an update to members to identify and progress suitable projects for delivery.

If appropriate projects cannot be identified, it is recommended that the budget be reprofiled to support essential component investment within properties. This approach would help ensure funds are utilised effectively to address priority needs.

8.6 Please see **Appendix 1** which demonstrates what has been delivered to date. Note that Appendix 1 does not include projects which are currently active.

Please note that a financial breakdown is not available in this report but will be provided as part of the next reporting cycle.

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Background Papers: Scottish Housing Regulator: The Scottish Social Housing Charter: Indicators and Context Information

Appendices: Appendix 1: 2025 Delivery Output

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ELEMENT	BUDGET	Count
Wall Insulation	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	1
New Roof Installation	FREE FROM SERIOUS DISREPAIR	0
Front Door Installation	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	72
Back Door Installation	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	74
Window Installation	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	71
Bathroom Replacement	MAJOR COMPONENT	5
Date Kitchen Installation	MAJOR COMPONENT	3
Date Heating Installation	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	8
Solar Panel Installation Date	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	13
Full Re-Wiring	MAJOR COMPONENT	0