

Notices of Motion: 29 October 2026

MOTION 1

Council notes the vital importance of tourism to the Highland economy and the growing pressures on the sector from increased taxation, regulation and operating costs.

Council recognises the cumulative impact these pressures are having on tourism and hospitality businesses, particularly in Highland communities.

Council therefore agrees to bring a paper to Council exploring the re-establishment of a dedicated Tourism Committee of the Council, with an appropriate delegated remit and decision-making responsibilities, to provide oversight of tourism policy, strengthen engagement with the sector and consider the impact of Council policy and regulation on the Highland visitor economy.

Signed: Mr R Stewart Mrs B Jarvie

AMENDMENT

This Council recognises that tourism is one of the Highlands' most important economic sectors. Over 9.4 million visits annually generating approximately £2.6 billion in visitor expenditure and supporting over 33,000 jobs across the Highland Council area.

The Council further recognises that tourism is a key strategic priority for the Highlands and that effective engagement across all parts of the sector is essential to supporting sustainable economic growth and thriving communities.

Council notes that the former Tourism Committee operated as a standalone committee and was not part of the Council's strategic committee structure. It was subsequently incorporated within the remit of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee by the previous Administration to better align tourism policy with wider economic development, transport, infrastructure, investment and place-based planning responsibilities, recognising that the success of the visitor economy is intrinsically linked to these interconnected areas of Council activity.

This integrated approach has proved beneficial, enabling members of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to make better-informed decisions that reflect the full range of the Council's economic and strategic priorities, while continuing to develop and support sustainable tourism policies wherever possible.

Council acknowledges the benefits of this approach and supports the continuation of the current committee structure, with tourism remaining within the remit of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee.

Signed: Mr K Gowans Mrs M Reid Mrs J Hendry
 Mr M Green

MOTION 2

The Fossil Free Fuel Initiative aims to develop a global treaty to develop a robust and binding plan to phase out fossil fuels fairly and quickly. Three Scottish local authorities have already signed up to the initiative – Dundee, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Information on the treaty can be found at [Fossil Fuel Treaty](#).

This Council resolves to:

- Endorse the Fossil Free Fuel Initiative aiming to create a global roadmap to phase out fossil fuels to complement the Paris Climate Agreement
- Write to the Scottish Secretary of State for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, and the UK Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, requesting they endorse the treaty as well

Signed: Mr D Gregg

Mr C Ballance

MOTION 3

Small-scale hydro schemes across Highland are facing enormous rates bills due to an anomaly in the legislation which fails to exclude the penstock from liability for rates. Under the current legislation, crippling business rates threaten to wipe out many small-scale hydro schemes operated by businesses and estates. This Council asks the Leader to write to Scot Govt asking that legislation is clarified to remove the anomaly in the rating system for small-scale hydro schemes, by clarifying that a penstock is not liable for rating valuation.

Signed: Ms K Willis

Mr C Ballance

MOTION 4

This Council notes:

- Highland Council has made a huge investment in technology in recent years, in order to enhance the educational experience in our schools and, above all, to narrow the digital divide and reduce inequality. The initial rollout of Chromebooks involved expenditure of some £6m, and the current refresh c£1.2 pa. The Council currently has 29,312 pupils from P1 to S6, with devices. The cost of repairs to Chromebooks totalled £33,817.60 in the year to January 2026.
- Highland Council passed a Motion in May 2025 instructing all schools to consult parents, pupils and staff, with a view to removal of mobile phones from classrooms. This was a clear commitment to the need for fewer distractions. Many schools have progressed with this instruction.
- There is growing evidence that, although educational technology can benefit learning – especially for those with additional support needs – excessive reliance on digital devices can hinder cognitive progress.
- It is also increasingly recognised internationally that brain activity is enhanced by the physical act of handwriting as against typing on a keyboard.
- Furthermore, despite a conscientious and skilled educational workforce, the trend to default to digital devices, both in class and in homework tasks, relegates human interaction and the teaching process.

Accordingly, the Council agrees:

- To request Officers to prepare a Report on the use of digital devices in our schools, assessing whether the current balance between digital and non-digital learning is appropriate.
- The Report should consider the impact on concentration, attainment, handwriting, reading, social interaction and direct teacher-led learning, while recognising the particular benefits technology provides for pupils with additional support needs.
- The Report should reflect the views of staff, parents/carers and pupils and make recommendations to ensure digital technology **complements, rather than replaces, high-quality teaching and learning.**
- The Report to be presented to the meeting of the full Council on 10 December.

Signed: Dr M Gregson

Mrs H Crawford

AMENDMENT

Head Teachers, as empowered school leaders, are responsible for ensuring that digital devices are used appropriately and effectively within their schools. Through ongoing self-evaluation and school improvement planning, they should work with staff to plan, monitor and review device use, taking account of their school's context and geographical location and engaging with pupils and parents. This work should reflect current national and Highland Council guidance and the Education and Learning Improvement Plan. High-quality teaching and learning, including the development of core literacy and numeracy skills, should guide decisions about the most appropriate resources and approaches for all pupils.

Area Quality Improvement Managers will work with Head Teachers in undertaking these reviews and promoting an appropriate balance of digital and non-digital learning, with assurances provided through existing education improvement reporting arrangements, avoiding additional reporting requirements and extensive data collection.

Signed: Mr J Finlayson

Mr D Millar

MOTION 5

Council notes:

- There are fears that the Community Interest Company, Isle of Skye Ferry CIC, which operates the Glenelg-Kylerhea Ferry via the MV Glenachulish, will become unviable because of continuing and burdensome charges levied by an absentee landowner.
- The CIC has provided this service for 20 years, employs 22 people either part- or full-time, and has won Social Enterprise of the Year both in Scotland and the UK.
- Ancient 'Rights to Ferry' still exist in Scots Law independent of any Land Reform legislation.
- While the Glenelg landowner, the Burton Property Trust, made the Rights over to the Community Interest Company, and never imposed any charges on the CIC, by contrast the Kylerhea landowner, Oliphant of that Ilk, has levied some £10,000 in ferry dues every year from the company. Oliphant has also blocked the CIC from any small 'honesty-box merchandise shop on the Kylerhea side. This seriously jeopardises the CIC's financial position.

Accordingly, this Council:

- Expresses its condemnation of the actions of the absentee landlord in relation to the Glenelg-Kylerhea Ferry, which threatens the viability of a much loved and used ferry service.
- Instructs Council Officers to report on the legal basis for charges levied, and any reports and recommendations for changes in the law by the Scottish Law Commission on the powers being used that may be relevant to this case
- Agrees to write to Scottish Ministers urging action, including legislation to strip landlords of the powers being used in this case.
- Further instructs Officers to report on the options available to the Council to pursue private legislation to satisfactorily remove the power of the landlords in this case and transfer any rights to the Council or the communities concerned.

Signed: Dr M Gregson

Mrs T Robertson

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Acknowledges that the Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area Committee met with the Ferry Operators on the 1st September 2026

Acknowledges and supports the written request made by the Committee Chair to the council Leader directly after the meeting asking him to address this injustice by raising the issue with senior officers in The Highland Council as well as with Scottish and UK governments and requesting that Part 5 of the recent land reform legislation be considered in order to bring the ownership of the Kylerea rights into Community Hands.

This Council acknowledges the progress made and the correspondence received by the council Leader following this request. And that the Leader has been informed that the area of foreshore in question is not Crown Estate and that investigations are currently ongoing to confirm if this is a Highland Council asset as currently shown in the Maproom.

Council awaits the outcome of these current investigations by Highland council Estates and the legal team and will consider any impact these findings may have on the Ancient Rights of Ferry as well as any responsibility for The Highland Council regarding potential ownership of the slipway.

Council understands that once this has been clarified and when The Council Leader is in full possession of all the facts, he will write to Scottish and UK governments asking them to address the injustice of absentee landowners in Scotland.

Signed: Mrs I Campbell

Ms L Kraft

MOTION 6

Having given due consideration to the camper vans and motorhomes using car parks for overnight stays where no services are available, the Sutherland Area Committee has concluded that the practice of allowing overnight parking does not provide a practical solution to the volume of vehicles who seek to use the designated invitation to pay car parks in Sutherland. The two designated car parks in the County located at Durness and Golspie are both adjacent to registered camp sites that offer full facilities and comply with all of the safety regulations that are incumbent on commercial sites unlike the Council Designated car parks.

That being the case, members of the Sutherland Area Committee seek to restrict camper vans and Mobile homes to daytime parking only with no overnight parking between the hours of 10pm and 8am. In addition, additional signage will be erected to advise Camper van and Motorhome owners of the locations of regulated sites close by.

By imposing this restriction, it also brings Sutherland invitation to pay car parks in line with similar sites in the Highlands such as in Carrbridge.

In addition, the Sutherland Area Committee also notes that the Council agreed in December 2025 to undertake a review to produce a revised Parking Strategy across Highland and calls for this review to consider the issues around overnight parking in all council car parks.

Signed: Mr R Gale
Mr M Baird

Mr H Morrison

Ms M Hutchison

MOTION 7

ROYAL MAIL - LEVEL OF SERVICE

This Council believes that Royal Mail is a vital service for every home in the Highland Council area, and that they have a duty to deliver post regularly and reliably.

Postal household delivery in many parts of Highland is now infrequent, sometimes as little as once per week. The consequences can be extremely serious, including missed medical appointments, late correspondence from banks, solicitors etc, as well as personal letters and cards from family and friends arriving late.

Council requests that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, writes to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail stating the concerns of councillors and residents about the reliability of Royal Mail delivery in the Highland area, and asking for immediate action to improve the service and restore it to a satisfactory level.

Signed: Mr A Graham	Mr S Mackie	Mrs A MacLean
Mr R Gale	Mr A Baxter	Mr D Gregg
Mrs J McEwan	Mrs T Robertson	Mr J Edmondson

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Council requests that the council leader, convenor and leader of the Opposition write to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail stating the concerns of councillors and residents about the reliability of Royal Mail delivery in the Highland area, and asking for immediate action to improve the service and restore it to a satisfactory level.

Signed: Mr R Bremner	Mr M Green
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MOTION 8

Council commits to:

- Creating a document which explains the rights of residents and relatives within a care home. This document should include clear information on how concerns can be raised to the council and external regulatory bodies (Care Inspectorate, professional regulators, Disclosure Scotland, police)
- All relatives/residents within the relevant care home, and all councillors, to be notified of the publication of Care Inspectorate reports within 7 working days of that report being received by the council
- All relatives/residents within the relevant care home to be notified that a Large Scale Investigation has commenced within 7 working days, and all councillors to be notified at the next full council meeting
- All **weak or unsatisfactory** Care Inspectorate reports to be formally presented to the Health & Social Care Committee, in public or private session at discretion of the committee chair, with councillors being given chance to ask questions on the report
- When a care home ceases to be under an improvement notice from the Care Inspectorate, a 'Lessons Learned' report will be presented first to the Health & Social Care Committee and then before the full council to detail what improvements were made while under the Care Inspectorate improvement notice, and any recommendations which should be made to improve practice across Highland care homes

Signed: Mr D Gregg
Mr A Baxter
Mr R Gunn

Mr A Christie
Mrs J McEwan
Ms M MacCallum

Mr R Gale
Mr A Graham
Mrs A MacLean

AMENDMENT

Council agrees:

1. To ask NHS Highland, as lead agency for adult social care placements, to ensure residents and relatives receive clear information on their rights and how to raise concerns with the appropriate bodies.
2. To ensure elected members are informed, through existing governance arrangements, of significant findings from Care Inspectorate inspections and Large Scale Investigations affecting Highland care homes, while avoiding duplication of statutory functions and maintaining confidentiality.
3. To receive exception reports at the Health & Social Care Committee on any care home receiving a weak or unsatisfactory Care Inspectorate evaluation, including improvement actions and progress.
4. Where all formal improvement requirements have been met, to receive a summary of lessons learned and service improvements where this would support improvement across Highland Council care services.
5. To implement these measures without duplicating the statutory inspection, investigation, regulatory, notification or commissioning functions of NHS Highland, the Care Inspectorate, Police Scotland or other responsible bodies.

The Council notes that the Chief Social Work Officer has a statutory duty to ensure that statutory social work services are exercised appropriately and to inform elected members of any concerns arising. In the event of any inconsistency between this amendment and the statutory role of the Chief Social Work Officer, the statutory role shall take precedence.

Signed: Mr D Fraser

Mrs M Cockburn

Assessments for Notices of Motion: 29 October 2026

MOTION 1

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes a report comes forward to Council exploring the re-establishment of a Tourism Committee. There are no direct implications as a result of the motion however any report would need to consider impacts as part of that process.

AMENDMENT

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

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Integrated Impact Assessment:

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Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The amendment recognises the importance of tourism to the Highland economy and that effective engagement with the sector is essential. The amendment proposes that tourism is better served by being considered alongside the full range of the Council's economic and strategic priorities at the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, as per the current arrangements. There are no direct impacts resulting from the amendment.

MOTION 2

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council, on the basis it is an endorsement of support rather than a decision resulting in a direct financial impact.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes the Council endorses the Fossil Free Fuel Initiative and writes to the Scottish and UK Governments encouraging them to also endorse this. Whilst the longer term aim would have a positive Climate Change impact, the immediate impact of the motion has no direct impact.

MOTION 3

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council.

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Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes that the Leader writes to the Scottish Government asking that legislation is clarified to remove the anomaly in the rating system for small-scale hydro schemes, by clarifying that a penstock is not liable for rating valuation.

It should be noted that the determination of Rateable Values is the responsibility of the Assessor, while the legislative framework for Non-Domestic Rates is set by the Scottish Government. Highland Council has no involvement in either of these functions. The Council's role is limited to the collection and administration of Non-Domestic Rates on behalf of the Assessor and the Scottish Government.

The IIA indicates that there are no direct impacts associated with the Leader writing to the Scottish Government. Nevertheless, should the correspondence lead to clarification of the relevant legislation, this may provide increased certainty for investment decisions relating to hydro schemes, which themselves have the potential to deliver positive climate change impacts.

MOTION 4

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council. There would be officer time implications to prepare the requested report and undertake the associated engagement activity.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes that a report is produced on the use of digital devices in schools. The motion sets out a range of considerations for the report, including the impact on particular groups of pupils. Whilst there is no direct impact as a result of the motion, the production of any report should include a screening for impact.

AMENDMENT

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This amendment is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council. There would be officer time implications to undertake the reviews and any associated activity.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The amendment recognises the importance of ensuring that digital devices are used appropriately and effectively within schools, and the role of Head Teachers in that, given their understanding of their school community and Highland Council and national guidance.

The amendment proposes that Area Quality Improvement Managers continue to work with Head Teachers to ensure an appropriate mix of digital and non-digital learning as part of their ongoing support for schools and that existing reporting arrangements are sufficient to provide assurance.

There are no direct implications as a result of the amendment.

MOTION 5

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council. External legal advice is assumed to be required to progress the motion proposals, with it estimated a cost in the region of £2,000 may result based on current fee rates. The final cost may vary, and could be more or less, depending on the extent to which in-house versus external legal advice is utilised, and the scope and timelines for the work.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes that a report is produced which considers the current situation and recommendations for addressing the circumstances. There is therefore no direct impacts as a result of the motion however the aim is to seek ways of addressing the current situation which could have broader positive impacts, particularly for rural and island communities and from a socio-economic perspective. Any report should consider broader impacts.

AMENDMENT

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This amendment is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

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Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact

Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above.

The amendment acknowledges the meeting of Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area Committee and the Ferry Operators; and the subsequent request made by the Committee Chair that the Council Leader raise the issue with senior Highland Council Officers and the Scottish and UK governments. The amendment also acknowledges the progress made to date and the ongoing legal investigation into rights at and ownership of the slipway at Kylerhea.

The amendment proposes that once these investigations are complete and the Council Leader is in possession of all the facts, he will write to the Scottish and UK governments.

There are no direct impacts resulting from the amendment, although resolution of the issue could deliver positive socio- economic and rural and island impacts.

MOTION 6

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion **is** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council. Insofar as the motion could reduce the potential income generation potential from the Invitation to Pay sites.

The data shown below provides some financial context and estimates of financial impact, noting also any assumptions or risks on the financial estimates.

Data from the Council's car parking team, based on £10 card payments and 2 sites offering overnight parking are shown below. Note it is not possible to analyse cash payments into those paying £10, i.e. the card payments shown below are likely to, if anything, understate the total value of payments made at the £10 suggested amount.

	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	Average past 2 years
Durness £10 card payment	£670	£10	£5,050	£5,450	£5,250
Shore Street £10 card payment	£1,670	£2,900	£3,320	£3,010	£3,165

Data therefore suggests that the gross income for £10 overnight payments is of the order of a minimum £8k p.a. across the 2 sites.

Of the net car parking incomes received, the Area Committee receives a 50% share, provided for their allocation.

The financial impact of the motion, were a reduction in overnight parking income to result, would be to reduce the income available to the area committee, and the income available to meet parking budget targets. As above, the total loss of income is estimated as a minimum of £8k p.a. across the 2 sites.

There may be additional financial costs associated with signage changes/additions. Also there would need be a consideration of any change to enforcement/staffing arrangements, in light of the motion, and whether that resulted in any financial or staff related implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact

Rural/Island	Positive and negative impact <i>Summary</i> The proposed motion seeks to restrict motorhome parking in Sutherland invitation to pay car parks. This has the potential to have both a positive and negative impact. Positive by encouraging motorhome owners to use existing local provision but negative by reducing the income received through the invitation to pay car parks, for spend within the local area.
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes to restrict overnight parking in invitation to pay car parks in Sutherland. This has the potential to have both a positive and negative impact on rural areas as identified in the summary.

MOTION 7

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes to write to Royal Mail setting out the concerns regarding reliability of the mail service. There is therefore no direct impact as a result of the motion.

AMENDMENT

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Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The amendment proposes to write to Royal Mail setting out the concerns regarding reliability of the mail service. There is therefore no direct impact as a result of the amendment.

MOTION 8

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion is **not** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council. There could however be marked implications for Council officer time, and potentially officers of NHS Highland, to take forward the actions and ongoing activity arising from the motion relative to current arrangements. For context and to assess volume of potential reporting and other activity, in 2024/25 there were just over 40 Care Inspectorate inspections for care homes in the Highlands, of which 1 had weak or unsatisfactory evaluations by the Inspectorate.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	Potential Positive Impact <i>Summary</i> The motion has the potential to have a positive impact on older adults or adults with health/disability needs residing in care homes by improving their understanding of their rights and how concerns can be raised.
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	Potential Positive Impact <i>Summary</i> The motion has the potential to improve and enhance understanding of rights amongst care home residents.
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes a series of actions with the aim of raising awareness of how care home residents and families can raise concerns but also to raise awareness of the actions and findings of the Care Inspectorate. The screening highlights potential positive impacts as a result of the motion in relation to human rights and the rights of older adults and adults with health/disabilities residing in care homes.

AMENDMENT

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

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Integrated Impact Assessment

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Rural/Island	No impact
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

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The amendment proposes that NHS Highland ensures that residents of adult social care placements, and their relatives, are aware of their rights and how they can raise concerns. It also proposes a range of measures to ensure Members are aware of significant issues affecting NHS Highland-operated care homes through existing governance and reporting mechanisms; through periodic exception reports to Health and Social Care Committee on any NHS Highland-operated care home that receives a weak or unsatisfactory Care Inspectorate evaluation, followed by a lessons learned report once the care home has discharged all improvement notice requirements. The amendment seeks to avoid duplication of existing inspection, investigation, notification, regulatory or commissioning functions.

The screening highlights potential positive impacts as a result of the amendment in relation to the rights of older adults and adults with health/disabilities residing in care homes.