

Our Community Partnership Plan

The aim of the Easter Ross Community Partnership is to engage closely with local people in **Delivering Better Outcomes for Our Communities**.

It is intended that this will be achieved by:

1. jointly identifying specific inequalities within the most disadvantaged geographic and themed communities;
2. jointly identifying actions which communities and partner agencies can deliver together to tackle the inequalities;
3. jointly prioritising, planning and delivering interlinked improvement action plans:
 - a. local **Children's Plan** (led by Highland Council, Care and Learning);
 - b. local **Adult's Plan** (led by NHS Highland);
 - c. **Locality Plans** (various leads) for the most disadvantaged communities which incorporate local **Community Learning and Development Plans** (led by Highlife Highland).

The work of the Easter Ross Community Partnership will also link to the objectives of the **Highland Local Outcome Improvement Plan** and the **Highland Community Justice Plan**.

Initial analysis of the Socio Economic Performance (SEP) of rural communities and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) within Easter Ross suggests five communities which contain areas where local residents are more likely to suffer significant inequality and disadvantage:

- a. Alness
- b. Balintore
- c. Invergordon
- d. Milton and Kildary
- e. Tain

Through community engagement and more detailed analysis of partner agency data the Easter Ross Community Partnership is confirming and prioritising the development of Locality Plans.