

### What does this mean for Castletown Locality?

The Caithness Community Partnership has identified the following priority areas for this locality that it will initially focus upon.

Some priority areas were identified through very scores in the Socio-Economic Performance Index and information gathered from a focus session in the locality. Where the SEP index has been used it is in conjunction with local concerns.

We believe working towards these will have a significant impact on reducing inequalities and addressing needs in Castletown.

SEP IDENTIFIER WHERE APPROPRIATE	ZONE OR AREA OF NEED	SCORES OUT OF 10 WHERE SEP HAS BEEN UTILISED	PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND INFORMATION	PRIORITY
Smarter	<p>All people aged 16 and over: No qualifications. Expressed as % of expected count, 2011.</p> <p>Percentage of 16-19 year olds not in education or training 2011</p> <p>Percentage of population 16-74 who have level 4 qualifications or higher 2011</p> <p>Percentage of population 16-74 who are in occupation groups 1-3 2011</p>	1.75	Local skills not appropriate to available jobs. Young people moving away from the area due to a lack of opportunities.	<b><u>Priorities 1</u></b> Work with partners to create a local skills profile and thereafter target areas of specific concern through additional or conversion training.
Wealthier/Fairer	Access to Public transport at mean times	N/A	Local buses / alternative transport is not available frequently enough and doesn't cater for connection to rail or air journeys locally or in Inverness. Locally they are	<b><u>Priority 2</u></b> Explore with transport providers the timetables in the area including the tendering process for school transport. Consider social options for provision of

			not always appropriate for attending jobs or appointments.	transport such as minibus etc
Wealthier/Fairer	Infrastructure is not fit for purpose	N/A	Derelict buildings and issues with road infrastructure affect the ability of the community to attract new residents or businesses	<b>Priority 3</b> Review the infrastructure priorities for the locality through the Caithness Committee.
Wealthier/Fairer	Local employment opportunities	N/A	There is limited opportunity for employment in the area. It was noted that the increase in traffic through the area due to the NC500 was not being benefitted from due to a lack of amenities for the tourists.	<b>Priority 4</b> Liaise with the NC500 to increase the profile of the locality as a place to stop.  <b>Priority 5</b> Liaise with the local community to identify any opportunities for social enterprise to provide additional amenities.
Safe	Increase in traffic volumes	N/A	The increase in traffic has increased concerns surrounding road safety.	<b>Priority 6</b> Liaise with the NC500 to educate drivers undertaking the route.  <b>Priority 7</b> Traffic survey to be carried out to map traffic issues to allow consideration of measures to tackle (Education, Engineering or Enforcement).

### **How are we developing this plan?**

The Caithness Community Partnership held a focus group in Castletown where local practitioners attended and considered the Scottish Government Place Standard for the area.

It is engaging with the 5 partnership agencies as well as third party partnerships to create actions and outcomes that are clearly identified in the table above.

The plan will also link into the Highland Outcome Improvement plan and the Caithness Adult and child plans.

### **What are you telling us? What is life currently like in Castletown?**

Through the initial consultation, the community have advised that life within the community of Castletown is safe and there are amenities present for play, recreation and also access to the countryside.

They have identified public transport, the road network and work and the local economy as areas where there are challenges to be addressed.

### **What are you telling us - what you have said our priorities should be and our community should look like?**

All the priorities in the table detailed above were identified through what you have told us.

You feel that the opportunities offered in other areas should also be available in your local community.

### **What are we going to do to get there together with the community?**

We have listed our priorities based on information supplied by you in the table above, in working towards these priorities actions will be put in place that will improve the situation as we progress towards the desired and long term outcomes which are:

- 1) Work with partners to create a local skills profile and thereafter target areas of specific concern through additional or conversion training. To greatly improve access to Public transport addressing community needs
- 2) Explore with transport providers the timetables in the area including the tendering process for school transport. Consider social options for provision of transport such as minibus etc Report on findings with reference to Internet speeds and access both mobile and fixed with the aim of improving both
- 3) Review the infrastructure priorities for the locality through the Caithness Committee.
- 4) Liaise with the NC500 to increase the profile of the locality as a place to stop.

- 5) Liaise with the local community to identify any opportunities for social enterprise to provide additional amenities.
- 6) Liaise with the NC500 to educate drivers undertaking the route.
- 7) Traffic survey to be carried out to map traffic issues to allow consideration of measures to tackle (Education, Engineering or Enforcement).

### **How will we know that we're getting there?**

Priorities will be designated to partnership and third party agencies along with relative community groups so ownership of responsibilities is clearly identified.

These groups will create actions to work towards reaching the listed outcomes which will be considered and discussed at every partnership meeting.

As actions are assigned and addressed updates will be provided through the CPP website and at locally held workshops.

An annual report will be distributed to the communities detailing all progress or lack of it giving explanation and reasons along with desired time frames.