

What does this mean for my Locality Partnership - Dunbeath / Berriedale areas ?

The Caithness Community Partnership identified 6 priority areas (listed below) across all locations that it will initially focus upon.

Some priority areas were identified through very low scores in the Socio-Economic Performance Index and information gathered from the drop in sessions and surveys sent out. Where the SEP index has been used it is in conjunction with local concerns. Other Priority areas (marked N/A) were created purely from information gathered locally in drop in sessions and surveys.

We believe working towards these will have a significant impact on reducing inequalities and addressing needs in Dunbeath, Berriedale, Lybster, Latheron and Clyth.

SEP IDENTIFIER WHERE APPROPRIATE	ZONE OR AREA OF NEED	SCORES OUT OF 10 WHERE SEP HAS BEEN UTILISED	PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND INFORMATION	PRIORITY
Wealthier/Fairer	Unemployment as proportion of all people aged 16-74 Estimated percentage of families on low income and materially deprived	Dunbeath area – 2 Lybster area – 2 Dunbeath area – 2 Lybster area – 1	Employment opportunities and local training are not available due to the lack of business, sports clubs, hotels and shops nearby causing the younger generation to move away as soon as they are able.	<u>Priorities 1 and 2</u> To create opportunities through discussion with all main and third party partnership agencies and local community groups creating actions in Dunbeath, Berridale, Lybster, Latheron and Clyth areas that will address the lack of training workshops and employment
Wealthier/Fairer	Access to Public transport at suitable times	Dunbeath area – 1 Lybster area – 3	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 it is not available to attend in time for college, work, hospital and child care in Wick or Thurso.	<u>Priority 3</u> Investigate further the lack of available transport in Dunbeath, Berridale, Lybster, Latheron and Clyth. Discuss and action ideas /solutions with all main and third party partnership agencies

SEP IDENTIFIER	ZONE	SCORES OUT OF 10	PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND INFORMATION	PRIORITY
N/A	Access to local childcare	N/A	No local child care is available for working/busy parents; some have to travel to Wick to drop off children in care then travel back to work locally, which puts off young families moving to the area enabling further growth of the community	Priority 4 Through discussion with all agencies investigate and initiate contact with local communities as to what is required, where it is required and ideally in time put in place a realistic and smart solution
N/A	Internet speeds and access both mobile and fixed	N/A	The Internet to houses is extremely slow and mobile phone signal / internet very poor which cause a variety of problems in such a rural area including communication and attracting further local business.	Priority 5 The CCP and third party agencies will investigate through all available channels the reasons behind this concern and report back through public meetings findings and perceived solutions/actions.
N/A	Lack of affordable housing	N/A	Suitable affordable housing is not available for young families to move to the area i.e. first time buyers and local adults.	Priority 6 The CCP will work in conjunction with the Highland outcome improvement plan in addressing the needs identified

All the priorities have been sent to the partnership agencies and working groups will be set up to identify responsibility for progress .

How are we developing this plan?

The Caithness community partnership has held 3 drop in/information sessions, distributed 200 surveys, communicated with local community councils / public and utilised the Socio-Economic Performance Index for Caithness to gather and scrutinise the needs of Dunbeath, Berridale, Lybster, Latheron and Clyth.

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 the Dunbeath and Lybster areas

On the whole the information you gave us through all methods of communication mentioned above was that generally you like where you live, but feel that in comparison with the bigger communities and towns you are being denied the opportunities for employment, training, child care, transport, internet and housing .You feel this is well below that of what should be expected.

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 communities.

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 & 2) To address the lack of training and employment opportunities
- 3) To greatly improve access to Public transport addressing community needs
- 4) To provide access to local childcare at times that meet community needs
- 5) Report on findings with reference to Internet speeds and access both mobile and fixed with the aim of improving both
- 6) Reduce the lack of affordable housing in the local community

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 CCP 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 the desired time frames.